



# TARTAN

GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC

*Tidings*

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## *Looking Back at 2011*

As the year is drawing to a close, it seems appropriate to take the time to reflect on 2011. Wow! What a year! Here in New England, I think we've seen just about everything Mother Nature has to share with us: heavy snowfall in January, an earthquake, tornados, floods, torrential rainfall, Hurricane Irene, an October Nor'easter with heavy, damaging snow, record warm November... enough already!!

In the world of Gordon Setters, we've lost old friends and acquired new ones, both two and four legged. We've earned new titles on both ends of our dogs, both in performance and in the show ring. Many lovely litters of pups helped turn our annual specialty into a Puppy Extravaganza.

In February members of the TarTan Clan gathered once again at the Storrowtown Inn in West Springfield MA for our annual banquet and the presentation of awards, always a fun evening and almost everyone goes home with treasures from the raffle. The month also featured our winter agility trials in Amherst NH. In March there were two supported entries at the New England Sporting Group Association in Fitchburg MA. April brought the annual spring Field Trial at Flaherty in East Windsor CT and the All-Setter Symposium in Tolland CT. May saw the spring Hunt Test at Sugarbrook in Plainfield CT and the supported entry at Ladies' Dog Club in Wrentham MA. In June many of our members trekked out to Ohio in their covered wagons, oops - RVs, for the National Specialty,

and at month end we held our annual picnic, also at Flaherty. This event is enjoyed by members and dogs alike with good company, good food, doggy games and the opportunity to try puppies and dogs on quail, as well as getting them micro-chipped and donating DNA samples for the OFA/CHIC Gordon Setter DNA Repository. Here we also held a membership meeting and elected our new officers. Things slowed down just a little bit over the summer, but July found us at the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival in Northampton MA and August brought the club's late summer agility trials, again at Amherst. October featured our Annual Specialty Show in South Windsor CT and also the National Field Trial. We wrapped up our events in November and December with a fall hunt test (scheduled, but not held this year) and then the supported entry at the Bay Colony Cluster in Providence RI. Whew, we've been busy! And I've probably left out something.

We look forward to seeing you at some of these events in 2012, but most especially in May in Warwick RI at the GSCA National, which TarTan is hosting for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. For newer members, we hosted the 1989 National in Wallingford CT, 1998 in Warwick RI, and 2004 in Sturbridge MA.

We wish all of you joyous Holidays and a safe, healthy, happy New Year!

*The Editors & Staff  
of the Tidings*





Above: 2012 National Logo items and some artwork which were for sale at the Tar-Tan Specialty.  
Below: Scenes from Puppy Sweepstakes, judged by Judith Brown.



**TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.-Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2011-Ipswich, MA**

President Laura Bedford called the meeting to order at 9:52 am

**Attendance:**

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

Absent: Ellen Shanahan, Nancy Smith

**Quorum Certification:**

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Tabled until minutes are published in the next newsletter

**Officers' Reports:**

**President:** Laura Bedford- Discussion of AKC 'Opt In' Letter sent to the Club. Laura will contact the AKC to get more information

**Vice President:** Ralph Schmid-Letter from Dianne Avery regarding our continuing the Senior Handling competition at the 2012 GSCA National.

**Secretary:** Cindy Fitzgerald reported limited correspondence; Financial report from NE Sporting Association regarding our March supported entries (we received \$23.40 as our share) Request from NE Sporting Association for potential judges' names for 2012 shows. (we always decline a preference and use their panel) Thank you letter from the Alzheimer's Association for our donation in Alan Haberman's name. Request from GSCA NFT Committee for trophy donations (Cindy will forward to Nancy and ask her to send TarTan's standard \$50 donation)

**Action Taken by the Board between meetings:** Donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation in Alan Haberman's name.

**Treasurer:** Nancy Smith sent a report. Balance of account is \$8,684.10. Recent bills paid were \$1,500 to scholarship/\$50. for Flaherty ad

**Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** Maureen McLatchy- No report. Next trials will be August 13 & 14 in Amherst, NH. Usual discussion about the agility trial being the main source of income for the club and the plea for the membership to try to support.

**AKC Legislative Liaison:** Jay Kitchner- No report. Laura will contact Jay to see about getting information to the Tidings.

**Archives:** Donnah Brnger-No report

**Awards:** Coleen Banks-No report

**Banquet:** Laura Bedford- Reported that she is still looking for a new venue in the Springfield area. Discussion about areas to look with Springfield or possibly Sturbridge as some choices.

**Field Trials:** Susan DeSilver- No report but dates are October 22 & 23, 2011 in East Windsor, CT

**Health & Genetics:** Candice Bell-Report sent on the steps needed to begin formation of the 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation. Board discussion resulted in some decisions and some questions which Cindy will report to the H&G Committee.

**Hunt Tests:** Ralph Schmid/Mark Gallagher- Reported the trial held here in CT was successful and well attended considering that other tests this past spring had to be canceled for lack of entries. Discussion whether the fall hunt test would be held in NH on Nov 5 & 6 as previously reported. Cindy had tried to contact both Mark Gallagher and Richard Dwyer to find out whether paperwork had been submitted for the Fall. As of the meeting, neither had responded and Laura offered to call Richard. Since it would be too late to file paperwork for a Fall date in CT, it was determined that unless there was a hunt test in NH, the Fall 2011 would be canceled. Cindy reported that she had been contacted by the ISCNE for the possibility of sharing dates and running companion hunt tests on the same weekend. They have spring dates. Board discussion was very positive to sharing a weekend, thereby increasing entries and decreasing expenses. Cindy referred the contact person to Ralph.

**Inventory:** Laura Bedford-on hold while we concentrate on the 2012 national inventory

**Membership:** Kathy King- No report. Discussion about Kathy's procedure for new members and whether we should offer an electronic newsletter during the 'wait' period. Laura will contact Kathy to discuss.

**National Specialty-2012:** Cindy Fitzgerald-Reported everything moving forward. Discussion regarding the indoor space available at the hotel for obedience/rally and veteran sweeps, logistics for fencing and equipment, basic grounds discussion, potential meeting in September planned.

**Newsletter:** Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholme/ Ginette Desrosiers-Jani mentioned that they would be producing a double issue for July because they had been waiting for articles in June.

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**Picnic:** Robin Marshall- Reported that it was again a successful event. Next year the plans are to concentrate only on bird work and games in order to keep people engaged. Possibly a CGC test. Discussion about the new ‘Star’ puppy certificate similar to a junior CGC.

**Public Education:** Jani Wolstenholme **Fidelco:** Val Schmid

Jani mentioned receiving an email about the availability of AKC breed packets but since they charge for everything, discussion was that we really did not need any of it. Also discussion regarding no support to the Fidelco Walk this past May. The board decided to encourage Val to keep the club aware of the Fidelco activities but not physically support the walk for a few years

**Setter Symposium:** Shareen Brown- No report but discussion was that many members attended and had a great time

**Rescue:** Treasurer Kerry Scott sent the financial report and Ellen Shanahan sent a short report stating that we had no dogs currently in rescue and had recently assisted in a rescue with GSCA.

**Scholarship:** Ginette Desrosiers- No report but there was discussion regarding the one recipient, Victoria Sweeney. Nancy Smith had wanted a discussion to revisit the amount of the scholarship. Currently the yearly scholarship is \$1,500 (if two awards it would be \$750 each) Board decided that the \$1,500 per year was a fair amount whether it was given to one recipient or divided between two.

**’11 TarTan Specialty:** Robin Marshall- Robin reported that all the judges, committee and paperwork were all set. It will be a bit of a tricky setup this year as the ESCNE is doing specialties at the site on the Saturday and Sunday but we will be in touch with their club to coordinate setup and takedown

**Supported Entries:** Karol Paduch-No report but the next supported entry is Eastern in RI in December and again supporting the NESGA in March.

**Trophies:** Liz Wilshere- No report

**Website:** Donnah Brnger- No report

**Delegates Reports:**

**Flaherty:** Susan DeSilver-No report

**HELDCA:** Maureen McLatchy-No report

**GSCA Liaison:** Alison Rosskamp –No report

**Old Business:**

-Discussion of the EZ Up theft, changing storage units and buying three more. Robin will look into switching storage unit companies and we will wait until after the end of summer to replace them.

**New Business:**

**Next Meeting:**

11:00 am on Saturday October 29, 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 Laura Bedford called the meeting adjourned at 11:22 am

Cindy Fitzgerald, Secretary



**New Titles October**

**Champion**

**Ch Sandpiper’s Sailin The Seas (B) October 22, 2011**  
(Ch Sandpiper’s Sea Quest x Ch Sandpiper’s Seawench)  
Breeder: NM, Paul Reilly; Owner: NM, Paul Reilly, Donna Grant

**Agility Fast Open**

**Ch Sea Gems Black Diamond Buckeye RN NA NAJ OF (D)**  
(Ch Springrun Quailrun Firethorn Up roar x Ch Sea Gems Rolling Thunder)  
Breeder: NM, NM; Owner: William Dargay, NM, Diane Dargay



**Tentative Schedule of 2012 National Events**

**Sunday, May 6, 2012:**

- ◆ Obedience Trial/ Rally Trial (indoors)
- ◆ Veteran Sweepstakes (indoors)
- ◆ Welcome Cocktail Party
- ◆ Silent Auction and On Site' Raffle 'Kick Off'

**Monday, May 7, 2012:**

- ◆ Puppy Sweepstakes
- ◆ Agility Trial (off site/ indoors)
- ◆ GSCA Judges' Education Seminar
- ◆ H&G/Breeders Education Seminar

**Tuesday, May 8, 2012:**

- ◆ All Regular Dog Class Judging
- ◆ Junior Showmanship Judging
- ◆ All Non-Regular Dog Class Judging
- ◆ Senior Handling Extravaganza
- ◆ GSCA General Membership Meeting
- ◆ MidEvent Dinner, Awards presentation and BINGO Night !
- ◆ Conclusion of Silent Auction

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012:**

- ◆ All Regular Bitch Class Judging
- ◆ All Non-Regular Bitch Class Judging
- ◆ Best of Breed/ Best Bred By/ Best Puppy/
- ◆ Stud Dog/ Brood Bitch
- ◆ VISA Raffle Draw
- ◆ Raffle and Silent Auction pick ups
- ◆ Thank You For Coming Pizza Party

**Thursday, May 10, 2012:**

- ◆ Hunt Test

## **Premiums Lists/ Contacts/ Deadlines:**

### **REMEMBER-Your Dog's DNA # must be on each entry**

Premium lists for all events can be found on our National website and Facebook page and will be mailed as a package **BUT** entries need to be mailed separately to the proper secretaries::

Online entries for Conformation, Obedience & Rally **ONLY** will be available. Details can be found in your premium.

### **Please note EARLY Deadlines !!!!**

#### **Entries for Conformation/Obedience/Rally :**

Specialty Secretary: Cathy Hill –  
44-33 244<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglaston, NY 11363  
718.229.0901  
[chill@nyc.rr.com](mailto:chill@nyc.rr.com)

**Specialty/Obedience/Rally Deadline: April 4, 2012**

#### **Entries for Agility:**

Agility Secretary: Noreen Bennett- Pawprint Trials  
1 West Street, Belchertown, MA 01007  
[Noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:Noreen@pawprinttrials.com)

**Agility Deadline: April 4, 2012**

#### **Entries for Hunt Test:**

Hunt Test Secretary: Elizabeth Wilshere  
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**Hunt Test Deadline: April 4, 2012**

**Remember to check the National Website Page, the National Facebook Page, the Tidings and the GSCA News for updates**

# *2012 National VISA Raffle*

**The VISA Gift Card Raffle** gives us a chance to expand our fundraising to include more than just our Gordon family. The raffle offers a chance at 3 prizes - \$1,000, \$700, and \$300 VISA Gift Cards with an additional \$50 gift card for the seller of the first prize ticket.

With a VISA card as a prize, the winner can choose any item they would like, be it electronics, clothing, jewelry or dog related and who couldn't use a gift card nowadays !

Tickets for this raffle are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and the drawing will take place at the conclusion of Best of Breed on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 (winner need not be present).

For your convenience, we have a template of five tickets for you to copy and sell to your family and friends on the reverse of this page.

Copy as many tickets as you would like, **SELL** as many tickets as you would like (remember the more tickets you sell, the more chances you have to sell the 'winning' ticket for a \$50 gift card)....

Have checks made out to 'GSCA' and mail payment and tickets stubs to

Denise Sweeney  
2749 Rte 737  
Kempton, PA 19529

If you have any questions, contact Denise at [DWindcrest2@aol.com](mailto:DWindcrest2@aol.com)

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## A Puppy's Hunting Tale

Hi TarTan People,

My name is Skye and I live with Bill and Ginny Hardie and my mom Thistle and my grand mom Lassie. I was six months old on October 28, and went hunting with Bill all by myself a few days before my "birthday"!

Ever since I was really little, Bill has taken me and my brothers and sisters on walks in the woods behind our house with mom and grand mom. We chased little birds, chipmunks, squirrels and even some huge birds called turkeys.

A few days before my big adventure, Bill left me in my crate and took off with Thistle and Lassie and left me all alone! This made me very unhappy and I let the world know about it until Ginny brought me my breakfast!

When they returned, they were very happy and had a strange, but intriguing, scent on them. Bill took me out to the veggie garden and I found a huge dead bird laying in the corn stalks; he called it a pheasant. It was the best play toy I had ever had and it smelled sooo good. He took away my bird toy and said "find the bird!" Soon I scented a second bird toy and I picked it up and Bill called me and had buttered toast in his hand. So I dropped my bird toy and gobbled up the toast! Bill went crazy and hugged me and said "good puppy!" (This was a lot better than what happens when he screams "BAD puppy!")

So the next day Bill left mom and grand mom home and took me for a ride in the car. Boy, were they unhappy and just green with jealousy, instead of black and tan! It made me feel very important, but little did I know that soon I was going to wear my big girl pants!

We stopped at this huge field with high grass and Bill took out the gun. The gun makes a kind of scary noise – like a really loud bang!! Bill shoots it when I am playing in the woods with mom and grand mom or chasing little birds. We walked into the field and suddenly I smelled bird toy scent! Soon I saw the bird and it was running away, so I chased it and it tried to hide under a bush. So I just stood there and it stared at me.

Bill ran up and said "good Skye" and the bird flushed into the sky but did not fly far! The gun went bang bang and the bird fell to the ground. Bill again went crazy and did the huggy –good –puppy-thing and let me play quite a while with my bird toy!

When we got home, Ginny took pictures of me with my cock pheasant and mom and grand mom were impressed with my first bird (but still unhappy 'cause they had to stay home). Now that I am a big girl, I really like hunting for bird toys and plan to do so often with Bill, Lassie and my mom Thistle.

Skye Hardie (and Bill)



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True Bedford, Ginny Schmid, and Ivy Bell-Maounis proudly show off their qualifying Senior Hunter leg rosettes.

## Below: Two more Sweepstakes candidates.

Candid photos courtesy of Jani Wolstenholme.





*I'm waitin'  
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