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GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC

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The Eukanuba Experience

By Paul Reilly

Sunday...Up at, well it's still dark outside... Present and subservient, I helped load the Sprinter. Crates, tubs, towels and we'll pile in all the other stuff that goes along to the dog show. Let's not forget the Keurig Coffee Maker, God knows half way down the Jersey turnpike is not far enough to not turn back and pick it up!!

Okay, stuff's packed, now for the dogs. Two of those, two of those ones, one of them, another one – wait... that one's going. No. That one and then two riders. Okay, now the final snacks etc. GPS, sunglasses and don't forget all the entry confirms etc.. Time to go. Not for me though. I get to go to work for two days, thank goodness. I get to miss the full day and half drive along with all the potty breaks and the feeling of not making any progress. A thousand miles later, they'd be there. Monday night...

Monday night I start my own ritual of away from home packing. Underwear and credit cards, those are the must haves, everything else is gravy. Tuesday afternoon, hop a Jet Blue out of White Plains and in 90 minutes touchdown Orlando. I can deal with this, this travel stuff is easy! Thirty minutes later at the Rosen Hotel.

Lo and behold, the Advance Party has been busy at work. Set ups set up! Check. Hotel rooms set up. Check. Exercise the dogs. Check. Let's get something to eat! Check, check, check!!! I love this dog show stuff! By some account, and I hadn't paid too much attention to it, because it was transparent to me, it was chaos getting into the building during the morning and setting up. First in line had been there for 24 hours+. Long lines and patience wearing thin, waiting in line and the occasional self-described ignorant who tried to cut in to get that oh so special advantageous and sought after set up space. Site Control fought back the crowds and prevailed and finally managed to funnel in all those interested parties. Sure am glad I wasn't there for that!

After dinner in the hotel deli, back to the show site building. Eukanuba shows are always such a great experience. The rings are always perfect. Nicely organized roped off blue carpets neatly bordered by spectator chairs, giant posters hanging from the ceiling proudly regaling the sponsor. Everything's shiny lights are bright and all is silent. This is going to be awesome!



You get the feeling you've arrived when you have an opportunity to survey the land void of dogs and crowds. Just wait, in a few hours, the madness begins. Well, taking it all in for now at least.

The "adjoining" hotel, just next door, was near as damn-it about a mile's walk through the ridiculously long hotel concourse, sky bridge and then the never ending convention centre where we were conveniently set up and showing at the FAR end. Getting up at 5:00a.m. to be ready to leave by 6:00, (yes, the beauty process takes a whole hour – me, not her), to ex the dogs was fine for the first day, although we actually drove and elected to pay the day parking rate to avoid the long walk. Dark outside. What the hell time does it get light around here? This is Florida for goodness sakes! Everything was still fresh. Despite a long line of apparent insomniacs and their dogs, even the ex-pens seemed to lack that

three day old dog show bouquet that announces to us all that we're at an indoor show. Every time I turned around it was busier and busier, the sounds of hustle and bustle amidst blowers and dryers advertised the show dog preparation was underway. People rushing up and down the aisles, handlers galore, owner handlers too. The familiar faces from the Northeast but then some, somewhat familiar and new faces from across the country. Some recognized from television, most not, but still looking quite the part of the industrious pro. Everyone anticipating what success the day might bring with the nervousness that this is the "big time" now.

So again, present and just as subservient, I try to be supportive of our team management – "You know who"!! I have to balance the delicate task of being close at hand if called upon for an errand, or to be scarce while the art is coming alive right there on the table. Apparently, I'm pretty good at the latter and not so at the former! But the artwork grooming is carefully choreographed. Got to get the right dog started at the right time, but fit a wash and wear in between for an earlier ring time. This brings about the life-long question... "who puts the big hairy dogs on at 8:00a.m.?" Well, it is what it is, and slowly but surely he's becoming ready. The closer he is to being finished, the higher I get on the nervousness scale! A few final touches here and there, a last minute fidget, comb, brush, bait and drool towel... Check! Walk up to the ring that seems ten miles away trying to convince myself into a false

sense of confidence. No concentration, damn-it.... Must have left that back at the set-up. Suddenly realized I have no idea how to show my dog and no ring plan in mind... I hope THAT doesn't show! Finally get up to the ring. It's a Gordons-fest. Everyone's in such a good mood and so pleasant and supportive. After exchanging the greetings, I go off to do my traditional impression of a hermit in some corner, mentally going through our repertoire and again nervously imagining every consequence. One eye on the ring and the progression of the classes, combing my dog within an inch of his life and can only imagine him thinking "what the hell is your problem?" "Can you quit it already, you're making me crazy!!" After what seems forever, the classes are done and the victors are ready to follow in the Breed, okay, it's show time, don't screw up.

Walk through the ring gate, the nerves on the tall guy with me disappear. It's all business. We live in a six foot circle, we couldn't tell you who else is in the ring with us. All we can do, is all we can do. The rest is up to the Judge. First line-up stack. That went well... Go around and try to keep the pace but leave some room. Lots of Gordons in a pretty small ring... still, we all have the same thing to deal with. Big dogs, small ring. I bet that decision was made by the same person who scheduled us in at 8:00a.m.!! Either they own a small bald Gordon or some Chinese Crested... First in line's being examined. You know what THAT means.... Out comes the comb, "Dear Lord, not again, I just spent an hour on the table back there", I mutter. "Still, there's a pretty good chance some liver or cheese is going to be making an appearance in a minute, all worthwhile, keep combing if it makes you feel better, but fess up with the goods!" We're next. Examine, Down and Back, Stand for a ridiculously small piece of cheese while the Judge tries to get my attention. "unless you've got liver in your hand...not bloody likely!!" I do a quick gymnastics display and

around we go. More and more cheese comes out while we're waiting in line to get back into original position. What's taking so long?? Finally. Another line-up stack, the Judge is walking back and forth staring and comparing, undecided, back and forth up and down again. Heads, shoulders, top line and rear again. "Unless there's some cheese in it, I hope the comb's not going to make another appearance?!" Okay, so now some action, another line-up and around we go again. I hear the words Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, Select and Select. It's over. Congratulations are offered and reciprocated, everyone is politely supportive of the winner and runner's-up. Back to the set-up to relax, after all, it is 8:45a.m. An 8:00a.m. ring time was a brilliant idea!

So now that the dog has had his say, the rest of the day was spent walking the vendors. Quite a wide selection of the obligatory dog products to air cleaners and heat and cooling people vests and dog coats. The show is well underway and the ring perimeters are bulging with exhibitors and spectators all vying for a vantage point or waiting spot before their show time.

The rest of the day was walking and talking, ex-ing and feeding, and trying to get back into the rhythm from the sleep deprived post show excitement. The following two days were a carbon copy of the first with different show results. The framework was early early mornings and late late nights, all very exhausting. On the Friday late afternoon, the regular show teardown began and the site took on the "Eukanuba look" - new signs, bigger rings much more auspicious. If we thought we "arrived" before, well, now we really have! It's Eukanuba. This is what we've been waiting for since much earlier in the year when we all imagined winning the coveted Best of Breed. Never mind the Group competition, we all want to say WE won the Breed at Eukanuba! But only one could!



Saturday morning, ring time 8 something. They're at it again! A different kind of nervousness and hopefulness in the air. All we can do, is all we can do. Everyone's had three days of practice. Everyone's as ready as they can be. Ring side and pacing. Final touch-ups, we're called into the ring. This is it, do or die. Show time! This ring is big! Plenty of room to showcase these big moving dogs. "That's what I'm talking about!!" This time, the Breed judging seems to go faster, soon enough it'd done. Final line-up and Charlie Olvis walks over to Mary Grill with Teddy and points to the imaginary front of the line. Winnie and Kristyn are next and some of us follow in behind for the Eukanuba version of Award of Merit, the Awards of Excellence. Heartfelt and genuine congratulations to the Winner from all, the surprise but optimistically wished for success on her face. Teddy crowned off a very successful year! We enjoyed the competition. Leaving the ring, Mary Ann Leonard is surrounded by enthusiastic competitive supporters enjoying the latest jewel in her crown. Well done Mary Ann!!

Yes, we wanted to win, but we can separate that from our happiness for the victors and enjoy watching them in their success. For us, it's the photo op with the Judge and the walk back to the set up planning the sooner than later move-out and long drive home. Apparently, I only needed a one-way flight and a supply of five-hour energy drinks to make the round trip. Sunday night, we arrived home, all safe and sound but needless to say exhausted and ready for bed.

Was it worth it all? Yes, every second of it! For me, Eukanuba week is a different kind of dog show cluster. It's more social and cooperative. It's about friends supporting each other even as competitors. This is what dog shows every week should be like.

What's next? Eukanuba December 2012!!

~ MEMBERSHIP NEWS ~

Corrections/Changes:

**Phone Number: Bill & Diane Dargay,
609-658-1005**

**Phone Number: Judith Brown,
403-279-7736**

**Email: Anita Lustenberger,
anita.lustenberger@verizon.net**

Watch for information about the All-Setter Symposium coming in late April in Tolland, Connecticut!

HOTEL RESERVATION INFO—NESGA

Below is the link to the hotel show rate of \$99. for the March 17-18, 2012 New England Sporting Group Association shows in Fitchburg. If you have any problems using it, please let me know. The link is also on the show page of our NESGA website at www.nesportinggroup.com or you may copy and paste the Marriot link onto your browser.

It will be great to see everyone again this year at the shows. We are on St. Patrick's Day again for Saturday, so looking forward to more than a wee bit o'fun! Please feel free to pass along this information to friends and fellow club members.

Thanks. Please let Christine or myself know if we can be of any assistance prior to the show.

Anne Angelastro

Secretary

New England Sporting Group Assoc.

<http://cwp.marriott.com/boscf/nesga2012/>

(Use reservation code NESGA)

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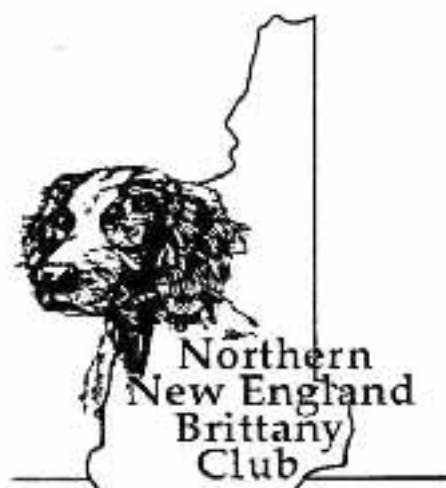
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Present a Pointing Breeds, Hunt Test Seminar

Saturday February 11, 2012

8:00am to 4:00pm

at the Kittery Trading Post Conference Center

301 US Route 1

Kittery, ME 03904

\$ 45.00 per person (includes seminar materials and lunch)

To reserve your space, contact Brian Drelick, NNEBC

603-635-9973

bdrelick@comcast.net

OR

Pat Russell, KGSPC

603-525-4654

prussellpr@yahoo.com

2012

TarTan Gordon Setter Club

Annual Banquet

New Venue!

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7

The Nutmeg Restaurant and Banquet Facility

297 South Main Street

East Windsor, CT

(860) 627-7094

Join us for:

General Membership Meeting

Annual Awards

Fabulous Brown Bag Auction!!!!

Special Musical Guests!



DINNER RESERVATIONS Deadline February 4, 2012

Name:

Number of diners at \$30:

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

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

**Guests
Welcome!**

ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

Any dog owned or co-owned by a member of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, which has earned a title during the calendar year 2011 is eligible for an award.

Dog's registered name:

Title(s) earned:

Date and event where completed:

Owner's name:

Address:

Phone: Email:

Send Awards Application to: Coleen Banks, 28 Kenilworth Drive West, Stamford, CT 06902. Deadline February 1, 2012

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 244th Street, Douglaston, NY 11363
718.229.0901
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

Agility Deadline: March 31, 2012

Entries for Hunt Test:

Hunt Test Secretary: Elizabeth Wilshere
85 Hickory Road, Torrington, CT 06790
860.489.6503
Devonwood4@aol.com

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

- **You asked for it, you got it. You can now pay for many items (Reservations, raffle tickets, catalog ads, memory shells, trophy donations, etc) with your credit card via PayPal. Please note: There is a small handling fee added to cover the cost of the PayPal processing fees. Also, you must still send in your reservation forms. (A link to the forms will be provided at the end of the checkout process)**

<http://www.tartangsc.org/2012-GSCANationalSpecialty/all-in-one-order-form-paypal/>

*Coming in February—TarTan Agility Trials
February 4 & 5, 2012
Amherst, New Hampshire (Closed)*

*February 18, 2012—Banquet
East Windsor, Connecticut—See page 5*

*Coming in March—TarTan Supported Entries
at
New England Sporting Group Association
March 17 & 18, 2012
(Closes Wed Feb 29 - Premium at infodog.com)
Central Mass Expo Center
Fitchburg, Massachusetts*

*Two days of shows, including Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes
& Gun Dog Classes*

*Sweeps Judge on Saturday: Dr Paul Averill (GA)
Regular Class Judge: Suzanne Dillin (TX)
Group Judge: Michael Faulkner (VA)
Gun Dog Group Judge: Margaret Brown (Scotland)*

*Sweeps Judge on Sunday: Elaine Lessig (NJ)
Regular Class Judge: Deborah Verdon (LA)
Group Judge: Mrs Dillon
Gun Dog Group Judge: Mrs Verdon*

*Entry Fees: Puppies \$28.00; Sweeps \$17.00; Gun Dog \$26.00; Regular Classes \$30.00
MB-F is superintendant (infodog.com) - See page 3 for hotel reservation information*

*Coming in April—Hunt Test
April 28 & 29, 2012
Danielson, Connecticut—See page 19 for details*



2012
 GSCA National Specialty
 Agility Trial
 Hunt Test
 Warwick, Rhode Island
 May 6 - 10, 2012

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Catalog Ad Page Size
 Full Page Ad: 7 1/2" x 4 3/8"

Please mail all catalog advertising to:
 Laura Bedford
 11 Shafer Road
 New Hartford, CT 06057-3413
 860-489-9908
halcyondog@mac.com

Electronic submission preferred. Properly formatted ads in .tif, .jpeg or .pdf are acceptable. Photos must be of high quality (300 dpi). If submitting by mail, please mark photos on the back with name of dog, name and address of owner. All copy must be either word processed or clearly printed.

Rates are as follows:
 Full page ad, black and white: \$35
 Full page ad, color: \$65

Boosters: \$2 (please write Booster copy on the back of this page)

Advertising Deadline: 3/30/12

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FOR PUBLICATION
TO:**

Karol and Jani.

**Deadline is the 10th
of the month**

TarTan Tidings
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In Memoriam



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 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 management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)

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

or is available from:

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c/o Ginette Desrosiers

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Granby, MA 01033-9508

(413)467-7919

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

2012 National Bulletin Board

OFA CHIC GS DNA Repository

DNA for future genetic research will be collected at the 2012 GSCA National Specialty Events. Individuals interested in enrolling their dogs in this program are requested to **pre-register** their dog(s) with Candice Bell at fh2ovet@aol.com. All paperwork will be mailed to you for completion prior to the National. Please bring the completed forms with you at the time of the draw. The cost will be \$10 per dog for blood samples and \$5 per dog for cheek swabs. **Checks are to be made payable to : OFA.**

Blood draw/swab times will be announced and posted in the Hospitality room.

The GSCA Health & Genetics and Breeders' Education Committees are pleased to offer a seminar on Monday evening, May 7, 2012 (Time TBA) -

'Progressive Retinal Atrophy and Inherited Disorders in Gordon Setters' will be presented by Jerold S Bell DVM, Clinical Associate Professor, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

Dr Bell will be discussing rcd-4 PRA, and the breeding management of hereditary disorders in Gordon Setters.

We hope everyone will join us for this informative and important seminar for the betterment of our beloved Black and Tans.

Check your Welcome bag at the National for information on exact time and location

Judges Education Seminar will be offered Monday afternoon, May 7th

For information please contact Chairman Gary Andersen

glandersen@cox.net



IMPORTANT Tenting/Grooming/Electricity Information



The Town of Warwick has extremely strict Fire Codes regarding tenting.

Because of this, our grooming tent has to have rigid spacing with specific measurements to meet their code and allow us to receive a permit.

Grooming space under the tent will be on a **reserve** basis with assigned 10 x 9.5 spaces. These spaces will be for crates, tables and chairs and may be shared/set up per your choice.

We will also have to bring in a generator for electricity.

Electricity will be on a reserve/pay basis at a \$75.00 charge for the week. You may (and are encouraged to) share spaces and electric although each electric reservation will only have one splitter available.

Anyone planning on using our generator (or their own) should bring a 100 ft extension cord in order to meet the fire code restrictions.

Please make sure to fill out and mail in the reservation form so that we can adequately plan our space and get the fire marshall to 'sign off'.

Grooming Space and Electric Hook Up Reservation Form

Please let us know if you would like grooming space reserved under the grooming tent. Spaces are 10'x 9.5'.

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

_____ phone _____ email

How many spaces will you need?: _____

Arriving : _____

I will have my own generator: _____

Name (s) of people you would like to be set up next to (if any): _____

Electricity is available for \$75.00 for each splitter for the duration of the event beginning Sunday, May 6 through Wednesday May 9, 2012.

Yes I would like an electric hook up _____ My \$75.00 is included (Check made out to GSCA)

Please send this form and your check (if you require electricity) to:

Cindy Fitzgerald, PO Box 155, Goshen, CT 06756

If only reserved grooming space is required, without electric, you may email the form to: wdsinke85@aol.com

Whether you are planning on using our electric or bringing your own generator, you must have a 100 ft extension cord.

2012 National Meal Info

Sunday, May 6, 2012 -

Welcome Cocktail Party - at Veteran Sweepstakes Gala

Complimentary Appetizers/ Cash Bar- Silent Auction display

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 -

MidEvent Dinner with Awards and **BINGO NIGHT**

Our only formal gathering...please join us for an evening of fun and entertainment with the possibility of winning fabulous prizes !

Wednesday, May 9, 2012-

Thank You For Coming **Complimentary Pizza**

Breakfast items will be available each morning in the Hospitality Room

Luncheon - 'On Your Own' basis with the hotel providing a luncheon concession

The Event Committee has made a conscious effort to reduce expenses by offering two complimentary evenings as well as complimentary breakfasts. We have also reduced the cost to individuals by covering a portion of the Tuesday evening meals.

Unfortunately, the originally planned NE Clambake was simply too expensive to host. We will, however, make sure that an extensive list of local eateries that serve New England fare is made available in case anyone would like to go out for dinner after Dr. Bell's talk on Monday evening.

Hospitality and Meal Reservations:

Name: _____

Contact Information (email or phone): _____

Complimentary Welcome Party ; # coming _____

Complimentary Thank You For Coming Pizza Party: # coming _____

Complimentary Hunt Test Brunch # coming _____

MidEvent Dinner :

Includes spinach salad, vegetable, potato, NY cheesecake, Coffee & tea

Chicken Saltimbocca (\$38.00) x ____ = _____

Salmon (\$40.00) X ____ = _____

Roast Prime of Beef (\$44.00) x ____ = _____

Total: _____

Check made out to GSCA

Mail To: Sherrie Grober

15 John Street

Selkirk, NY 12158

SGROBER@nycap.rr.com

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.-Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 29, 2011- East Hartford, CT

President Laura Bedford called the meeting to order at 11:19 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Robin Marshall, Ralph Schmid, Nancy Smith, Jani Wolstenholme and Ellen Shanahan via Skype

Quorum Certification:

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Larry Clifford moved to accept the minutes as published, Ralph Schmid seconded, all members in attendance voted affirmatively-motion to accept passed

Officers' Reports:

President: Laura Bedford- Various correspondence from AKC: events accepted/closed/reminder that AKC has all email event correspondence via email rather than paper. Discussion was that each event chair/secretary should be made aware of this option and then it should be their decision whether to use the service. Laura will let all current chairs know of the availability of the service.

Vice President: Ralph Schmid-Nothing at this time.

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported limited correspondence; Duplicate AKC correspondence also sent to the club president regarding events approvals and close outs, thank you from the AKC for participating in the Showcase of Breeds at the Pet Expo in Hartford, CT, thank you from 2011 GSCA National Championship chair for our trophy donation. Request from 2012 GSCA National Specialty Trophy chair for donation (Nancy will send the standard \$50 trophy donation),AKC CHF newsletter, notification that the AKC is considering re-aligning the groups at all breed shows.

Treasurer: Nancy Smith reported a current balance of \$13,192.76 with all known bills paid and income reported.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- No report. Cindy mentioned that the dates will be February 4 & 5, 2012. We also share a weekend with another club and that shared weekend is February 11 & 12, 2012 and Cindy will make sure to find out which date is TarTan's and report back to the Board.

AKC Legislative Liaison: Jay Kitchner- No report

Archives: Donnah Brnger-No report. Discussion: Donnah generously agreed to 'store' the archives but we may have to look for a 'permanent' archivist. We will address the subject after the May National when TarTan members can get a 'breather'

Awards: Coleen Banks-No report

Banquet: Laura Bedford- Reported that she is still looking for a new venue in the Springfield area. She is looking into the Nutmeg Restaurant in East Windsor, CT but still pursuing venues closer to Springfield.

Field Trials: Susan DeSilver- No report although Nancy had the financial report which showed the trial lost \$259.06. Discussion was that this was to be expected due to the high cost of horses and birds. The Board commended the committee for trying to keep costs to a minimum, including using local judges.

Health & Genetics: Laura asked that we hold this report until later in the meeting

Hunt Tests: Ralph Schmid/Mark Gallagher- Ralph reported that the spring hunt test will be April 28 & 29, 2012 at the Markover Hunting Preserve in Danielson, CT. We will be sharing the weekend with the ISCNE. The cost for the grounds for the weekend is \$500 which includes the use of the lodge. Ralph worked out shared expenses with the ISCNE and the lodge will be available for overnight on Sat for a shared cost which will go towards the grounds rental. Ralph is currently working out the details regarding AKC paperwork and date seniority with the ISCNE but everything is looking like a go and a successful weekend. Jani will work with Ralph to order more 'new title'and qualifying rosettes as our supply is getting low. There was also discussion regarding the fall test. The board would like to continue to hold the fall trial in NH. Ralph agreed to work with Mark Gallagher and other NH members to make it happen. He will contact Maureen McLatchy, Nancy Large and Mark Gallagher to discuss a fall 2012 date with HELDCA and possible committee.

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

Membership: Kathy King- No report since her 'members non-renewed list'. Cindy will ask her to produce an updated list .

National Specialty-2012: Cindy Fitzgerald-Reported everything moving forward. All papers (except the hunt test-waiting for grounds confirmation which just came) submitted to AKC. **As of this publication date, AKC Hunt Test application has also been submitted. All events and judging panels approved except Obedience/rally date due to another event within the approved miles. Maureen McLatchy has contacted the club to get Gordons excused and therefore allow our dates. ***As of this publication date, ABM has released Gordons from their trial. Cindy mentioned that the committees have been having 'mini-meetings' which seem to work out and things are progressing well.

Newsletter: Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholme/ Ginette Desrosiers-Jani mentioned that they would be producing a double color issue but are waiting for photos from the specialty. Robin will contact Ken Reed.

Nominating Committee: Discussion regarding appointing a chairman. The Board will ask Sherrie Grober if she is willing to serve as the chair and will ask her to investigate getting 4 other members and 2 alternates to serve. Cindy will contact her with details and dates related to the committee.

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. That date will be June 24, 2012 and Susan DeSilver will reserve the date for us at the Flaherty Assoc. meeting.

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

Discussion of participation of members in various events- Pet Expo in Hartford, CT , Scottish Festivals(Altamont, NY and Look Park in MA, and the Meet The Breeds in NYC- all of which will help to fulfill our Major Activities requirements for public education with the AKC. (we need to fulfill certain requirements in order to hold specialties and events)

Setter Symposium: Shareen Brown- No report

Rescue: Treasurer Kerry Scott sent the financial report which was accepted and will be published in the newsletter. Ellen Shanahan reported that we currently have no dogs in rescue but still have a wait list for adopters. With member Tracey Murch's move to England, there is a vacancy for a permanent home coordinator. A job description will be posted in the newsletter . Robin Marshall made a motion: 'With the agreement of the TarTan GSC Rescue Committee, the due date for monies (\$3,000) loaned to the 2012 GSCA National Event Committee by the TarTan GSC Rescue Account be extended to the conclusion of the National events in May 2012.' Larry Clifford seconded the motion and all members in attendance voted in the affirmative thereby passing the motion. At this time, President Laura Bedford acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Kerry Scott as Rescue treasurer.

Scholarship: Ginette Desrosiers- No report

'11 **TarTan Specialty:**, Robin Marshall- Robin reported that all went well with great weather and a good turnout for exhibitors and spectators. Nancy reported a significant loss of \$1,047.08. Discussion as to possible cost cutting. All costs seemed to be 'in line' with local judges being exceptionally generous with their fees, no tenting costs, and reasonable secretary fees. Trophies and rosettes were not unreasonably high, however the fact that the specialty 'eats' the cost of both with no donations could be considered one of the issues. Trophy costs are a little misleading as they cover the specialty, and all five supported entries (leftover trophies used for these shows) A suggestion was made to include a 'general trophy' donation (minimum \$10.00) on each membership and renewal form. Further discussion on the subject at next board meeting.

'12 **TarTan Specialty:** Robin Marshall will continue to use local judges to keep costs low. She suggested that in order to boost obedience and rally entries, we change the schedule and run everything concurrent, starting with Puppy Sweeps, then Obedience/Rally, Junior Showmanship and then Conformation. She will discuss this with her committee and publicize the change when premiums are printed.

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

Trophies: Liz Wilshere- No report

Website: Donnah Brnnger- No report

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver-No report

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy-No report

GSCA Liaison: Allison Roskamp -No report

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell sent the financial report for the TT Donor Advised Fund Statement of Activity (1/1/2011- 6/30/11) -\$36,923.88 beginning balance, \$1,410.00 contributions, \$1,877.67 realized/unrealized gains(losses), \$40,212.39 Ending balance, Laura presented the results of a meeting regarding the establishment of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club Charitable Trust, Inc, Attending the meeting with CPA Lou Bolduc were Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford and Jerry Bell. A working document of the constitution for the Trust was formulated at that meeting, sent back to the H&G committee and the edited version was presented to the Board for discussion. Laura explained the major points, but since this was the first the board members had seen the document, she asked that members read through the document and get back to her within two weeks regarding any issues or questions at which time she will contact the H&G committee and move forward with the process.

Old Business:

-Discussion of the EZ Up theft at the current storage unit. TarTan will buy 4 (four) new Ez Ups when the National committee purchases them next spring. Our current unit is paid through November and Robin is looking into moving to a new facility.

New Business: President Laura Bedford announced her decision to address the membership regarding more participation at club events. The rest of the Board agreed with her decision and discussion regarding membership attendance at events ensued.

Next Meeting:

Saturday March 17, 2012 at the NESGA show in Fitchburg, MA approximately 1 hour after the conclusion of Gordon Setter judging Robin Marshall made a motion to adjourn, Ellen Shanahan seconded and the Board voted in favor.

President Laura Bedford called the meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Fitzgerald, Secretary

TARTAN GORDON SETTER RESCUE FUND
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY
CUMULATIVE
5/20/92 through 09/30/11

INCOME

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Adoption Fees | \$ 16,425.00 |
| Breeder Support | 1,400.00 |
| Checking Account Interest | 613.56 |
| Donations | 3,533.00 |
| GSCA National Raffle | 100.00 |
| GSCA Rescue | 941.00 |
| GSCA Travel Reimbursement | 101.06 |
| Membership Donations | 13,174.00 |
| Memorials | 2,335.00 |
| Microchipping Clinics | 307.00 |
| Summder Donations | 500.00 |
| TarTan Fun Days | 118.00 |
| TarTan Raffles | 520.00 |
| TarTan Seed Money | 500.00 |

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 40,568.62**

EXPENSES

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| Adoption Fee Reimbursement | \$ 524.00 |
| Bank Charges | 9.00 |
| Boarding Fees | 807.00 |
| Donations (LSU Disaster Relief, Brandywine, Dachs Pioneer Valley Humane Society) | 1,300.00 |
| Equipment | 783.20 |
| Food and Supplies | 2,196.51 |
| Gifts and Condolences | 191.82 |
| GSCA Conference Expense | 613.80 |
| GSCA Conference Travel | 101.06 |
| GSCA National Rescue Parade | 278.42 |
| Microchipping | 52.50 |
| Postage | 355.07 |
| Printing | 234.42 |
| Promotions | 647.46 |
| Shelter Fees | 596.32 |
| Shipping Expense | 231.81 |
| Telephone Expense | 4,553.71 |
| Training Expense | 90.00 |
| Transport Expense | 997.60 |
| Veterinary Expense | 12,404.06 |
| Reimburse TarTan Seed Money | 500.00 |
| TarTan Short-term Loan | 3,000.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 30,548.76**

CHECKING ACCOUNT
BALANCE at 09/30/11 **\$ 10,019.86**



Irish Setter Club of New England
and
Tartan Gordon Setter Club
Combined Hunt Test

The Irish Setter Club of New England and the Tartan Gordon Setter Club, cordially invite you to their first annual double-header AKC hunt test on April 28th & 29th 2012. To be held on the beautiful 350 acres of Markover Hunting Preserve in Danielson, CT. Four hunt tests in two days. All levels will be offered, Junior, Junior Advanced, Senior, Senior Advanced, Master and Master Advanced.

Entries will be limited due to time constraints, so please get your entries in early.

No entries will be accepted via telephone or email. All entries must be mailed to the respective show secretaries.

Please see respective club's web site for premium information

Markover Web Site.... www.markover.com

Irish Setter Club of New England Web Site...www.iscne.org

Tartan Gordon Setter Club Web Site...www.tartangsc.org



*The Littlest
Fishermen
Return:*

*“Look Rachel!
We caught one!!!”*

*Photo from Peter
Silberfarb of his
Grandson Gabriel
and his Gordon pup
Rachel*



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