

Annual TarTan Banquet & Awards



So many neat raffle choices... which cups do I put my tickets in?



Cellist Robin Marshall entertained us.



President Laura Bedford conducts the general meeting.

2012 brought TarTan's Annual Banquet to a new venue, The Nutmeg in East Windsor, Connecticut. This site, close to both our specialty and field grounds was in familiar territory. Close to forty members and guests were present for the event. All were pleased by the lovely room, and the food proved delicious! Members rekindled friendships, caught up on family and dogs, and enjoyed being in each other's presence.

This year, for the first time, our own club members were called upon to provide musical entertainment. Cellist Robin Marshall was counting on being one of a

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That was very funny!



Junior Handler Anna Gillis helped her Grandmom (and our photographer) Joyce MacWalter, sell raffle tickets.



Frank, Donna, Jani and Sherrie during the meeting.



Paul, Donna, Anna, Jim, Phyllis—partially hidden behind Vanessa, and Claire—a guest from the UK.



Suzy and Cindy discuss raffle options, and other items of interest.

trio, including pianist Ellen Shanahan, and flautist, Val Schmid, but circumstances beyond their control prevented their presence, and Robin bravely played on her own. The lovely sound of her cello filled the room as people visited during the cocktail portion of the dinner. Later, after dinner, singer/songwriter Ron Anthony took up his guitar and played several songs to a chatty crowd. I will take the responsibility here for not properly introducing either performer, which unfortunately lead to conversation during the performances, preventing many from hearing them. I have learned a valuable lesson, and if either of them agree to play again, it will be on different terms with proper sound equipment.

Our club members, as usual, brought with them many treasures, which were donated to the fabulous Brown Bag Auction. Once again, Cindy Fitzgerald (assisted by many hands, including Robin Marshall and Nat Bedford) managed to create an impressive display. Tickets were sold by Joyce MacWalter (who also took photos of the event), and her granddaughter Anna. We all went home with a new treasure.

Awards chair Coleen Banks presented certificates and our wonderful rosettes to many members in so many areas: conformation, obedience, hunt tests and agility. Apparently, our dogs can do everything! One award that unfortunately got lost in the shuffle was Karen Gatchell's "Sassy," (Tri-Sett NoSuch Nonsense), who was handled to her Junior Hunter title by her friend Bill Fralick. A certificate is on the way!

As usual, a general membership meeting was held, and much business was discussed. We are all gearing up for our National in May, and event coordinator Cindy Fitzgerald is expertly wrangling all the participants into productivity and organization. We are all looking forward to the National!

Thanks to all who helped make this event a success, and if you didn't come this year, perhaps you will in 2013, when we'll be reminiscing about the National, back at The Nutmeg once again!

Submitted by Laura Bedford

~ MEMBERSHIP NEWS ~

New Address:

Bill & Diane Dargay
1353 Oak Glen Ct
Bolivia, NC 28422
home 910-754-9641
cell Bill 609-658-1005
Diane 609-947-8165

New Members:

Donna Fusco and Jack Lannan
76 Old Northfield Rd
Northfield, CT 06778
Telephone: 860-283-9782
Regular Membership
Endorsed by: Susan DeSilver and Ronald V. Anthony
Interests: Agility, Field Trials, Hunting Tests and Meeting other owners
(Currently does not list Gordon Setter in their possession)

Karen and Gene Santa
56 Maplewood Road
Middletown, RI 02842
Telephone: 401-849-6578
E-mail: kgsetters@cox.net
Regular Membership
Endorsed by: Jani Wolstenholme and Sherrie Grober
Owns: Skara Brae Daylight Katy
Sire: Oakisle Knight Vision
Dam: Ch. Valley View Spring Cait "E" Did
Date Whelped: 11/2/2011
Interests: Agility, Dog Shows, Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Obedience, Meeting other owners



Vanessa receives Magic's Grand Championship award from Coleen.

TarTan Supported Entries – March 17 & 18, 2012
New England Sporting Group Association
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Saturday

Sweepstakes – Judge Dr Paul B Averill

9-12 Puppy Dogs [3, 1 abs]

1 **Heartsong Hollow Hollow Why Wait For Summer** (Holly Hollow's Bodacious Bomag x Ch Holly Hollow's Earth Angel) Br/Ow: Susan Linhares, Joyce Ragland

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12-15 Junior Dogs [1]

1 **Trilogy Sastya Flight Of The Falcon** (GCh Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sastya Trilogy Two For The Road) Br: Karol Paduch, Mary Ann Leonard; Ow: Karol Paduch

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Best in Sweepstakes: Trilogy Sastya Flight Of The Falcon

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes: Bluewin's It's Only A Paper Moon

Regular Classes – Judge Mrs Suzanne Dillin

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Open Dogs [2]

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2 **Arrowood's Chasing The Blues Away** (Ch Springrun Quail Run Firethorn Uproar x Ch Arrowood's Blue Mist) Br/Ow: Ardys McElwee

Winners Dog: Trilogy Sastya Flight Of The Falcon (4 points)

Reserve: Conobtra O The Sights We'll Set JH

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Bred by Exhibitor Bitches [2]

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2 **WP Mistress Of The Dark Pines** (Ch Holly Hollow Rem'b'r Sam's Sons JH x Ch Highland's Glenlivet Jubilee JH) Br: B A Toupin, Susan Adams-Conley DVM, Ow: Susan Adams-Conley DVM

American-Bred Bitches [2]

1 **Sandpiper's Ceilidh For Glen'Mor JH** (Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Sandpiper's Yes I'm Shore JH) Br: Janice Beattie, Paul Reilly; Ow: James & Joyce MacWalter & Breeders

2 **Gordon Hill Serendipity At Trevaran** (Ch Gordon Hill October Sky CD JH x DC AFC Indian Sky Gordon Hill Scout) Br: Susan DeSilver; Ow: BA Barbara Sanchirico

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1 **Glenlea Woodsmoke Dancin' Thru Life** (Ch Kingpoint Either Or x Ch Woodsmoke Ten Cents A Dance JH CD) Br: L Lavigne, G McCarthy; Ow: Natalie & Cindy Fitzgerald

Winners Bitch: Bluewin's It's Only A Paper Moon (3 points)

Reserve: Damon's Fire & Rain

Best of Breed [3 dogs, 1 bitch]

- **Ch Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait** (Ch Springrun Quailrun Firethorn Uproar x Ch Valley View Spring Cait "E" Did) Br: Sherrie Grober, Joanne Van Aller; Ow: Sherrie Grober

- **GCh Holly Hunt Take A Chance On Me** (GCh Trisetor Ebonie Zeus x Ch Holly Hunt Over To You) Br: Chris & Mary Hunsinger, Alison Rosskamp; Ow: Chris & Mary Hunsinger

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- **Ch Ahoy's Pride Of The Glens JH** (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona Of Skye) Br: Allison Smith Treadwell; Ow: Jim & Joyce MacWalter

Best of Breed & Group 3: GCh Holly Hunt Take A Chance On Me

Best of Winners: Trilogy Sastya Flight Of The Falcon

Best of Opposite Sex: GCh Sandpiper's Castles In The Air

Select Dog: Ch Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait

Gun Dog Class [3]

- **Ch Hernwood Diamond Lil JH** (Hernwood Delaware Diamond x Hernwood Crystal Dream) Br: Peter & Christine Sandiford; Ow: Jani Wolstenholme, Judith Brown & Breeders
- **Ch Woodsmoke Ten Cents A Dance CD JH** (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH NAP NJP NFP) Br: Cindy Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Wilshire; Ow: Lynne Lavigne
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Please refer to December, January and February issues of The Tidings for National information

Minutes - TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Saturday-February 18, 2012, East Windsor, CT

President Laura Bedford called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. A quorum was certified and Bill Fralick made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Robin Marshall seconded and all members in attendance agreed.

Officers' Reports:

President: L. Bedford –Laura had nothing specific but congratulated everyone on having a wonderful club, hoped everyone would enjoy the banquet, and was looking forward to the TarTan hosted GSCA National in May

Vice President: R. Schmid –Could not attend – no report

Secretary: C. Fitzgerald –Reported minor correspondence.: Thank you from 2012 GSCA Trophy Committee for our trophy donation and an announcement from Greenwich KC regarding their All Breed Day in June (which will be posted in the newsletter)

Treasurer: N. Smith –Reported a current balance of \$19,989.38, although the \$7,369.13 from our February Agility Trials goes to the H&G fund. Therefore the 'real' club balance will be \$12,620.25 with the banquet expenses and our club insurance (\$600) still outstanding

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial: Maureen McLatchy –No formal report though profit for the 3 February trials was substantial (\$7,369.13)

AKC Legislative Liaison: Jay Kitchener-No report but Karol said that he had submitted a report on the convention he attended for publication in the newsletter

Archives: Donnah Brnger (temp) – No report

Awards: Coleen Banks –Coleen congratulated everyone on their achievements

Banquet: Laura Bedford –Laura mentioned the new venue and spoke very highly of the staff here and suggested that we continue to hold it at The Nutmeg in the future

Field Trial: Susan DeSilver – Susan reported that the field trial dates were April 14 & 15, 2012 at the Flaherty Area in East Windsor, CT. This year they will be offering walking stakes and she encouraged members to come out and run their puppies and derbies to experience the field trial. She also asked for members to volunteer as committee and said there was a job for everyone

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell –Candice was unable to attend but Jerry Bell gave a brief report mentioning that the formation of the TarTan Charitable Trust was in its final stages with our attorney ready to review the By Laws with the State of CT. This will allow us 501C status in CT for all our future donations. Current monies will need to stay in the AKC/CHF TarTan Donor Advised Fund but future donations will be allocated to the Trust and therefore will allow us more control over our monies. For the period ending 12/31/2011 the balance in the AKC/CHF TarTan DAF was \$38,986.51. Jerry spoke about the Animal Health Trust in England having identified the late onset PRA test that many people have been taking part in, but he had 'breaking news' to tell us. Our club is the first to hear that the OFA has established a test here in the US. The cost will be \$65 and include the OFA registration. He also mentioned that CCA research is close to finding a gene and

hopefully will have a test available soon. Research has also been ongoing for DUNG'D and researchers are continually looking for DNA to continue their research. Please contact Jerry for more information on the subject.

Hunt Test: Ralph Schmid- Jim MacWalter reported the dates are April 28 & 29, 2012 at Markover Game Preserve in Danielson, CT. This is a new site (the National Hunt Test will be held there the following week) and a new venue as we are working with the ISCNE to run a four trial weekend.

Jim also mentioned that he had heard from Mark Gallagher and Richard Dwyer and they plan on having the fall hunt test in NH. It will be an early November date

Inventory: Laura Bedford –TarTan continues to be on hold in regard to inventory due to the National inventory

Membership: Kathy King No report

National Specialty 2012- Cindy Fitzgerald – Cindy reported that everything was moving along smoothly. Everyone has taken their jobs seriously and are 'running with it'. Premiums would be out momentarily and will be posted on the website.

Newsletter: Karol Paduch/Jani Wolstenholme/Ginette Desrosiers –Karol said the February edition was laid out and would be going to the printer this week. She asked that all chairs send her reports and pictures.

Nominating Committee: Slate for 2012 was unavailable at the meeting but since the meeting the following has been determined:

Nominating Committee: Chair-Sherrie Grober/ Committee: Larry Clifford, Ginette Desrosiers, Maureen McLatchy, Phyllis Perrelli /Alternates: Jim Dillon & Liz Wilshere

Slate of Officers for 2012: President-Laura Bedford/ Vice President- Ralph Schmid/ Treasurer- Nancy Smith/ Secretary-Cindy Fitzgerald /Board Members- Robin Marshall & Jani Wolstenholme

Picnic: Robin Marshall – Robin reported that the picnic will again be held at Flaherty Area on the 4th Sunday in June with some new ideas. This will be a totally pot luck luncheon and we will only have bird work and games this year to allow everyone to participate before the heat of the day chases them away.

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme - Reported nothing new. Since the FIDELCO Walk seemed to not have much juice last year, we would like to wait another year and then try to rejuvenate it

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan –No report

Scholarship: Ginette Desrosiers –Ginette reported that she had sent the press release out to 11 regional clubs/committees as well as the GSC of Canada. The deadline for submissions is May 31st

Setter Symposium: No report but it was noted that it is falling on the same weekend as the TarTan Field Trial. Laura commented on what a good event it is and asked that members try to participate and that we plan on taking a more active role next spring.

Specialty: Robin Marshall- Reported that it is again being held in October on Columbus Day at the Rotary Pavilion in South Windsor, CT. We have our judges but are struggling

with obedience and rally entrants. She would like the membership to take a minute and think about whether we should continue to offer both obedience and rally when the entries continue to be so minimal. Robin did mention that this coming fall we would be trying a new schedule to keep from overlapping: puppy sweeps, then obedience/rally and then regular conformation.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch-Upcoming back to back at NESGA in Fitchburg, MA-

March 17&18, 2012 and then Ladies in June.

Trophies: Liz Wilshere –No report

Website: Donnah Brnger –No report, but it was mentioned that Donnah had changed some of the format and was working hard to make it more ‘user friendly’

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver- Susan reported that there had been a lot of damage to the grounds in the October storm and that FEMA had actually closed the grounds to work on them. She indicated that there would probably be a few separate work parties to try to bring the grounds back into shape for the spring trial season. She also asked for donations of old trophies and stuffed game birds to help decorate the clubhouse.

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy –No report

GSCA liaison: L.Alison Rosskamp –No report

Old Business: The four stolen EZ UPS are being replaced with purchases from the 2012 national

New Business: None to report

Next Meeting Date:

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers in June at picnic

Adjournment:

President Laura Bedford called the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Spring Field Trial

April 14 & 15, 2012

*Dr John Flaherty Field Trial Area
East Windsor, Connecticut*

All-Setter Symposium

April 14 (Rain date April 15)

Tolland, CT—Flyer on page 8

Hunt Test

April 28 & 29, 2012

*Danielson, Connecticut—See last issue for details
Download Premium List at www.tartangsc.org*

GSCA National

May 6 through 10, 2012

Warwick, Rhode Island—details in previous issues

“Gordons Aweigh On Narragansett Bay”

Premium List may be downloaded at www.tartangsc.org

Supported Entry—Ladies Dog Club

June 2, 2012, Wrentham, Massachusetts

Judge Mr Jeffrey Pepper (FL) & Sporting Group

Closes May 16; Entry fee \$32.00

Premium list at www.infodog.com

TarTan Picnic

Sunday June 24, 2012

*Dr John Flaherty Field Trial Area
East Windsor, Connecticut*

**OFA Announcement Regarding
Gordon Setter rcd4 PRA Testing**

The OFA is pleased to announce that the Gordon Setter rcd4 PRA DNA test is now available through the OFA/University of Missouri partnership. Our sincere thanks to our colleagues, the researchers at the Animal Health Trust in the UK, for sharing the science that will allow us to offer this test. The test can be ordered online through the ofa store at: <https://secure.ofa.org/cart.html>. For the test, DNA can be collected easily by the owner via non-invasive FTA cards which are mailed after the orders are placed. Reporting of results in the OFA databases is included in the order. The test is offered at \$65 per dog. Questions can be directed to the OFA ofa@ofa.org,

Election of Officers will take place at the June Meeting (Picnic)

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Sherrie Grober

Committee: Larry Clifford, Ginnette Desrosiers, Maureen McLatchy, Phyllis Perrelli
Alternates: Jim Dillon & Liz Wilshere

Proposed Slate :

Officers:

President- Laura Bedford

Vice President- Ralph Schmid

Treasurer- Nancy Smith

Secretary- Cindy Fitzgerald

Board Members for two year term:

Robin Marshall and Jani Wolstenholme

Please see page 10 for election procedures.

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Setter Lovers please join us at Camp Newhoca in
Vernon, CT on Saturday, April 14, 2012 for ISCCC's
& ESCNE'S held this year in memory of Darlene K. Ferris

All-Setter Symposium



Beginning at 9:00am. (Raindate: Sunday, April 15)

For rain date decision contact: Kathy Cunningham-Roy 203/605-6287 broy304@aol.com

- ◆ Something for everyone – novice and "veteran" alike.
- ◆ Puppies and rescue dogs most welcome!
- ◆ Spend a fun day meeting new people and their dogs and trying out new things.

Conformation Handling
Beginner Grooming Demos for each breed
Obedience Intro & Rally
Intro. to Bird Work & Demo (limited entry – reserve now!)
Canine Good Citizen Test

**An all day learning experience
for the entire family**

DIRECTIONS:

Interstate 84 Exit 67. Go south on Rte. 31 for 2 miles to top of the hill. Turn right onto Dockerel Rd., follow to end. Turn left onto Hatch Hill Rd. Proceed a short distance, turn right onto Grier Rd. Go about 2 miles, past Camp Newhoca sign, watch for ISCCC sign on right.

From Eastern CT: Rte. 6 to Rte. 44 to Rte. 31 north to Coventry. Continue ¾ mi., turn left onto Dockerel Rd. and follow above directions.

Please bring chairs, leashes and water for dogs, and crates or x-pens. Beginners, bring any grooming tools you have. All dogs for grooming must be freshly bathed. Please bring a potluck dish (entrée, salad, dessert) to share for lunch. Soft drinks provided.

You will be expected to pick up after your dogs. Pooper scoopers will be available.

Registration Mail form & check Payable to ISCCC to Kathy Cunningham, 35 Booras Lane, Milford, CT 06461 by April 10

Please reserve	# people		please reserve	# people
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 Beginner Handling	_____	12:00 Potluck Picnic Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 Beginner Handling	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 Intro to Obedience	_____	Your Potluck Dish:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 Intro to Obedience	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 Beginner Grooming	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 Advanced Handling	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 Advanced Handling	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 Rally Obedience	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 – Canine Good Citizen	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 Canine Good Citizen	_____
11:30 Testing	_____		– 2:30 Testing	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 – AM Intro to Bird Work	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 PM Intro to Bird Work	_____
11:30 (Time to be assigned)	_____		– 2:30 (Time to be assigned)	_____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Email: _____
Phone: _____
Breed: _____

Check one: _____ Individual \$15.00
_____ Family \$25.00
No. of birds _____ x \$10 ea. = \$ _____
2 quail per dog required
Canine Good Citizen Test _____ dogs @ \$8 _____
Check payable to ISCCC enclosed \$ _____

All participants agree to waive and release liability of the Irish Setter Club of Central Connecticut and The English Setter Club of NE, its officers, representatives, and volunteers and the Town of Vernon or their agents responsible for all claims for personal injuries, damages, or ordinary negligence, and hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risks of property damage, personal injury, or death.

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of the month**

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TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 (US) scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applicant requirements:

- ◆ Owns a Gordon Setter or
- ◆ Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter
- ◆ Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2012-2013 academic year
- ◆ Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife 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 ;

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TarTan Bylaws 1; ARTICLE IV-CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. Club Year.

- (a) Fiscal Year. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the 1st day of July and end on the last day of June next following.
- (b) Installation of Board of Directors: The elected Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall take office immediately following the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 2. Voting. At the Annual Meeting, Regular Club Meetings or at a Special Club Meeting voting shall be limited to those voting members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the election of Officers and Directors and amendments to the constitution and bylaws which shall be decided by secret written ballot. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the membership by written ballot by mail.

SECTION 3. Nominations, Elections and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these bylaws. A Nomination Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors not later than the first day of February. The Committee shall consist of five members and two alternates, none of which shall be candidates for office. All members and alternates on the committee shall be voting members in good standing, no more than two of which may be members of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for the conduct and preparations necessary in the case of contested election. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, electronic medium or telephone conference call.

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club, one candidate for each office and for each position on the Board of Directors and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee – if so chosen. The Committee should consider geographical representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The Committee, not later than March 1 next following, shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Secretary, who shall have said report published in the following Newsletter, so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.
- (b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition signed by five voting members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate and a brief resume outlining the nominee's qualifications. Such nominations from members must be received by the Secretary not later than April 15 next following. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position.
- (c) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary, on or before April 15, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected, effective at the annual meeting by means of the Secretary casting a single vote for the election of the unopposed slate. No further balloting will be required.
- (d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received, by the Secretary, on or before April 15th, the Secretary, or an independent professional firm designated by the Board, shall cause to be published in the May edition of the Club's newsletter a listing of all of the nominees for each position, in alphabetical order, along with a brief resume of the candidates' qualifications.
- (e) In the event of a contested slate of candidates, the election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the annual meeting by secret ballot. The time allotted for the election shall be published in the newsletter prior to the annual meeting and shall provide sufficient time to allow all members wishing to vote, to do so. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the election, the preparations necessary and shall serve as an election committee as listed herein. Ballots must be clear and impartial with the candidates listed in alphabetical order in each office section of the ballot. Members will be checked against the current list of voting members, as provided by the membership chairperson, given a ballot to be marked and shall return the ballot to be placed in a ballot collection box. Ballots shall be counted once each member has had the opportunity to vote. Once the voting has been closed at the annual meeting no more votes may be accepted. Those voting members not able to attend the annual meeting may request an absentee ballot from the Nominating Chairperson not later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Said absentee ballot shall be the same ballot as will be used by members attending the annual meeting. Dual envelope procedures shall be followed for all absentee ballots. The Nominating Chairperson shall provide a ballot, together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Nominating Chairperson marked "Ballot". So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking their ballot shall place and seal the ballot in the blank envelope which in turn is then placed in the return envelope. Each voting member must then legibly sign the outside of the return envelope. Absentee ballots must be received by mail prior to the date of the annual meeting to be valid. The Nominating Chairperson shall then carry the ballots unopened to the annual meeting. Absentee ballots shall be checked against the current list of voting members and the list of members who voted in person at the annual meeting. Once the ballots are checked for privilege and duplication, they shall be removed from the outer envelopes by the Nominating Chairperson, who then gives the ballots in the blank envelopes to one of the other election committee members, who shall remove the ballots from the blank envelopes and place them in the ballot collection box to be counted along with the ballots cast by members voting at the annual meeting. Voting shall be restricted to those voting members in good standing with the Club as of the date of the annual meeting. The ballots shall be counted by a committee of at least three persons and shall be chaired by the Nominating Chairperson; no person who is a candidate for office shall serve on the election committee. The results of the election shall be announced at the annual meeting and published in the following month's newsletter.
- (f) The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. In the case of a tie for any office the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall determine the issue or may call for a runoff election in the undecided slot. If any nominee, at the time of the election, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall *not* be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 5.



Jerry, Cindy, a guest, Dianne, Ron, Debbie, Lisa and Suzy during the awards presentations.

Joyce in the background as Frank accepts Kira's Grand Championship award from Coleen.



Applause for Ron and his music from Larry, Chris and Coleen.

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*Nell and Morgan
Enjoy A
Family Reunion,
Gordon Puppy Style*

*Photo submitted by
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