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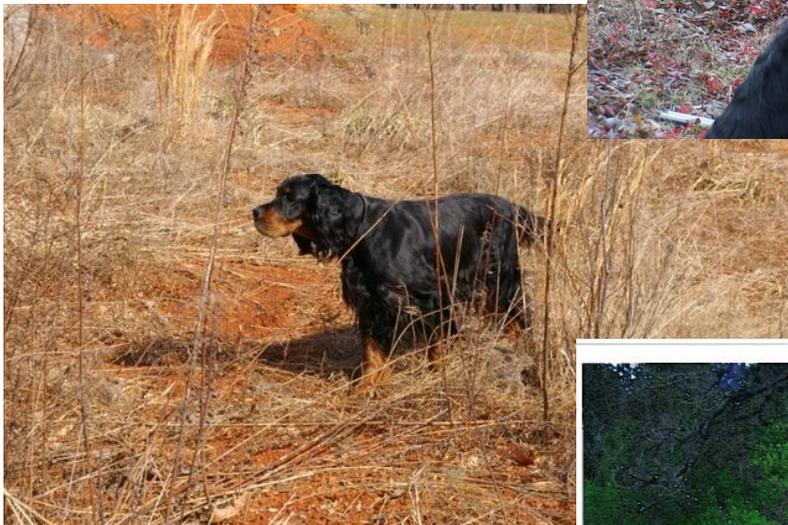
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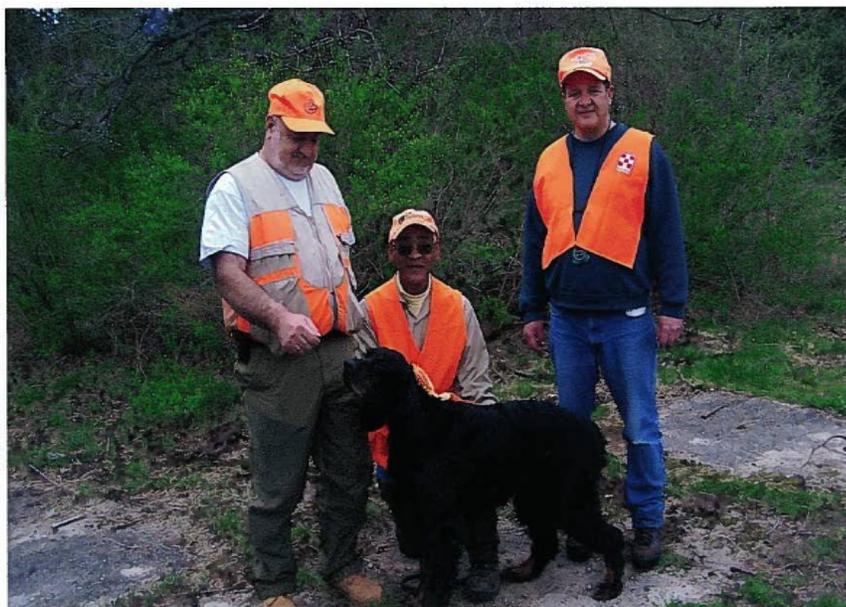
TarTan Welcomes Three New Master Hunters!!



Smith



Bess



Ollie

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Robin Marshall couldn't have picked a better day, weather-wise, for the annual TarTan Picnic. A fantastic time was had by all! There was loads of bird work help from Ralph Schmid and Jim MacWalter, agility demos and assistance from Maureen McLatchy, and the doggie games were a huge hit! Hot Dog Dunking and the pinatas were enthusiastically attended to by all the four-legged members. Thanks to Lynn Tenney for womaning the grill and to all who brought the delicious spread we all devoured.



BRAXFIELD BACK IN BLACK, MH

Ch. Triseter Ebonie Nirvana X Ch. Halcyon Braxfield Reminisce, JH

Owner: Jerold S Bell, DVM & Candice Bell

“Smith” – what a guy! Smith always exhibited tremendous desire, enormous determination, was full-of-run, and had the hard-headedness that goes along with that kind of fortitude. In November of 2004, we entered Smith in his first JH test at Sharpe’s Farm in New Hampshire. Smith decided the junior course wasn’t big enough for him to burn up, so off he went running down the road looking for bigger grounds to cover. We were finally able to capture him about ½ mile away, running a tree-line, having the time of his life. It was at that point we realized Smith needed the guidance of someone who understood what to do with a package like Smith. That day, in the fall of 2004, Smithy met and went home with his new “best friend/trainer” Walter Cruz.

The following Spring, Smith quickly finished his Junior Hunter title with Walter at the helm. During the Fall of 2005, Walter connected on all cylinders with Smith taking him on to his Senior Hunter title in 4 straight trials. In November 2005, one year from his first time down, this dog proudly became “Braxfield Back In Black, SH.”

Master Hunter training presented Walter with a great number of new and ever changing challenges from Smith. Smith, while always wanting to please Walter, often times chose to please himself even more.

In November of 2007 Smith completed the requirements for his Master Hunter title. While Jerold & I are very proud of Smith’s extraordinary accomplishment, his trainer Walter Cruz is equally, if not more proud of Smith as the First Gordon Setter Master Hunter Dog he trained and titled.

Ch. SeaGem Woodsmoke Blues Diva, MH

Ch Gordon Hill SeaGem Sportster, JH X Ch SeaGems Precious Black Satin

Owners: Cindy Fitzgerald, Beth Beatty & Liz Wilshere

We are thrilled to be the ‘girl-dog MH’ sandwiched between the the dynamic and ever comical ‘Smith’ and just ahead of the stoic and steady ‘Ollie’.....

I ran Bess in 4 consecutive tests for 4 consecutive Junior Hunter legs and MY work was done...but how could we not let this girl with all her talent continue. The decision was made to send her off to attempt her Senior Hunter title with long time friend, and all time gentleman, Walter Cruz. Candice Bell had Smith in training and she cajoled and supported me that first whole season. Walter’s wife, Joella, took a liking to sweet Bess and when Bess and Walter hit a wall (which they would occasionally) it was usually Joella that figured it out and read Bess’s mind.

Bess came back to training with Walter in excellent shape, having been chasing tennis balls for Beth’s husband Bern up and down their hill in 100 degree NC heat. The first trial of the season was a scorcher and Walter was considering pulling his dogs but decided that Bess was ‘used to this heat’ and ran her to a Senior leg....she was hardly panting and came back to the truck smiling and pleased with herself.

Continuing training mode, but Bess started **thinking** again and Walter had to amend lots of his tried and true training methods to work **with** Bess’s mindset.....finishing her Senior Hunter title was a true high point and then came another decision...bring her home or try for that Master Hunter title. In thinking back, there really was no decision....Bess’s joy and hunting ability in the field outshone any other options. Bess finished her Master Hunter title on one of the coldest November weekends in CT. this past fall, with almost all of her loyal supporters in attendance and ‘blow by blow’ phone calls frantically heading South to North Carolina !

Submitted by Cindy Fitzgerald for co-owners Beth Beatty and Liz Wilshere

Holly Hollow's Outrageous Oliver, M.H.

Ch. Pineridge Sutton of Hollow Hollow, SH X Ch. Pineridge Remember Rose, CD, JH

Owner: Larry Clifford

Oliver is the most recent TarTan Master Hunter dog, but we are sure that he will not be the last !

Ollie was purchased as a companion (read chew toy) for his older brother Orion. Hopefully, Orion would leave Rose, the spayed female rescue dog (another whole saga) in the house, alone. Rose was so gentle that she would not tell Orion off, and as a consequence she suffered from totally missing ear feathers and belly coat.

The strategy worked...the boys beat on each other and left Rose alone !

Both boys were occasional visitors to the show ring where Orion excelled and just loved the attention. Oliver, on the other hand, hated the show ring where he had to be clean, trimmed, combed and on display. While in the show ring, Ollie tried his best to hide by laying down and sinking into the pavement, one time causing him to be excused by the judge.

Of course, that was happy times for Ollie because it meant that he was finished with the show ring and he could focus on hunting birds and getting dirty and smelly...everything he liked to do and be !

Ollie took to hunting tests immediately. He found and pointed birds at the Junior level almost at will. The delayed chase (chase after the flush) was his forte and it was reinforced time after time for years as his owner had no clue and allowed it to continue.

It is a testament to Walter Cruz's ability and patience , and Oliver's trainability, that Oliver was able to attain a Senior Hunter title...never mind a Master Hunter title !

Bravo to you, Walter, and a HUGE THANK YOU !!!

Submitted by Larry Clifford

Litter Announcements

Am Ru Est Ch Kingpoint Either Or X Ch SeaGem Woodsmoke Blues Dive, MH:

2 boys & 2 girls whelped June 30, 2009

Breeders: Cindy Fitzgerald, Beth Beatty & Liz Wilshire (all members)

NEW TITLES – May 2009

Champion

Ch Sastya Ragdge Road To Trilogy (D) May 30, 2009

(Ch Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x Raggededge Raisin Spirits)

Breeder: NM & NM & NM; Owner: Karol Paduch & NM

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

Master Hunter

Holly Hollow's Outrageous Oliver MH (D) May 3, 2009

(Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow SH x Ch Pineridge Remember Rose CD JH)

Breeder: NM; Owner: Lawrence Clifford & NM

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred

Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH NJP (B) May 10, 2009

(Ch Windcrest Once In A Blue Moon x Ch Kingpoint Afterthought)

Breeder: NM; Owner: Cindy Fitzgerald & NM & Elizabeth Willshire

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Submitted by Karol Paduch
trilogygordons@aol.com

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, July 11 2009- Great Barrington, MA

Call To Order:

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 11:33 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Robin Marshall, Ellen Shanahan, Ralph Schmid

Absent: Nancy Smith & Richard Dwyer

Quorum Certification:

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

There was a moment to welcome our newest board member, Ralph Schmid and a decision to send Anita Lustenberger a thank you note for serving.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Laura Bedford made a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published. Robin Marshall seconded and all present voted affirmative.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford –Minimal correspondence and the rescue financial report which he passed around for board approval.

Cindy Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the TarTan Rescue Report as submitted by Rescue treasurer Kerry Scott. Ellen Shanahan seconded and all in attendance approved. The report will be published along with these minutes in the next newsletter.

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported limited correspondence;

- Various AKC event closeouts and approvals:
- Requests from various venues for contributions
- Thank you from Nancy Smith, Jeff Walsh, NE Sporting Group Association and Maureen McLatchy
- Announcements from various agencies and clubs including the AKC Canine Health Foundation annual report.

Action Taken by the Board between meetings: Permission was granted to Maureen McLatchy to use the TarTan GSC name to hold an AKC agility match.

Treasurer: Nancy Smith –No report although the '09 Spring Field Trial financial statement was discussed and will be published in the next newsletter. There was also discussion regarding the TarTan end of year report being held up due to some missing event financial statements. Ralph Schmid will look into tracking down those event reports so that Nancy can close out the year. It was also mentioned that the picnic financials were not in yet and dues tabulations were nowhere near complete and that we would be outlaying a large amount of money for the agility trial coming up which would change our financial status temporarily.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- No report but Cindy Fitzgerald reported that the upcoming trial in Amherst, NH was August 8 & 9, 2009 and extra club help was always welcome, especially on Sunday to close out the event.

Archives: Karen Gatchell –no report but Cindy mentioned that she and Laura had gone through a few boxes of items from Dot Whitney and had placed them (and some additional boxes from Phyllis Lundy) in the TarTan storage unit until they could be transported to Karen in Maine

Awards: Coleen Banks-no report but Larry Clifford mentioned some missing awards and Laura Bedford said she would look into it.

Banquet: Laura Bedford- No formal report but she mentioned that she was planning on scheduling the event around the same time frame (probably February 13, 2010) and at the same location.

By-Law Review and Revision: Cindy is shooting to get the revised edition into the July or August newsletter for final membership comment prior to a membership vote.

'09 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- no report but trial secretary Larry Clifford said things are proceeding and preliminary paperwork has been done and he thought that the dates were October 24 & 25, 2009.

'09 Fall Hunt Test: Mark Gallagher /Richard Dwyer-no report but the dates are November 7 & 8, 2009 in Hopkinton, NH and Ralph Schmid will check with Mark and Richard to make sure all paperwork is progressing.

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell-no report

Inventory: Laura Bedford-Reported that she will be ordering new inventory from a new vendor (Chesapeake Enterprises) because they offered the best discount with no minimum ordering and they have been successfully working with Brandywine for quite a few years doing their inventory and trophies. Cindy Fitzgerald made a motion that the TarTan Board allocate \$2,500 towards the purchase of new inventory at the end of August AFTER the proceeds from the agility trial have been finalized. Robin Marshall seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed.

Library: Phyllis Lundy –.No report but Robin Marshall mentioned that at the picnic Phyllis had said that there had been very little interest in the library and that most of it was outdated with tapes. Robin Marshall made a motion to eliminate the TarTan Library and to have Phyllis send all materials to the Archives. Ralph Schmid seconded and all voted affirmatively. Phyllis will be directed to send all the materials to Karen Gatchell for archive storage.

Membership: Dorie Viguers –No report

Newsletter: Jeff & Jessica Martin/Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholem – It was mentioned that the newsletter would be a little late due to Jeff's crazy schedule and 'real' life. There was discussion about the possibility of TarTan buying software so that Jani and/or Karol might be able to help Jeff out. The Board agreed that the possibility might arise and they would not be uncomfortable buying whatever was needed to keep the newsletter successful.

Picnic: Robin Marshall reported that there was perfect weather and a great turnout with an unusually high number of dogs participating. Thanked everyone for coming and for all those that worked to make it a success: Larry bringin the grill, Lynn Tenny for helping to cook, Ralph and Jim MacWalter for their hands on birdwork, Maureen and Cindy for the agility equipment and especially Val Schmid and her helper Ashley for doing the games.

She also mentioned that the informal vote on the possibility of holding a clambake fell through due to the lack of available dates. This is not 'off the table' however and will be visited at another time.

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme –No report but there was discussion on the fact that there are more and more States with insidious bills being proposed which in many cases will adversely affect our membership. The board will produce a note for the newsletter stating that members should be aware of these issues within their states and contact the board if they feel there is something that our club can do to protect the rights of their membership. There was also discussion about a previously visited idea concerning the possibility of developing a grooming video. This will also be addressed in the newsletter, requesting interested parties and ideas.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan reported very little activity and that TarTan has been fortunate to have little bills and medical issues recently thanks to the generosity of their members. We have no dogs in rescue but do have some potential homes on a wait list. Ellen said that she and Robin will have a rescue booth at the Capital District Scottish Games in Altamont, NY. There was also discussion about the two kennel runs that Rescue had bought a few years ago for fostering dogs at Phyllis Lundy's house. Phyllis would like them removed. Cindy will ask some of their potential foster people if they would be interested in the kennel runs.

Scholarship: Ginette Desrosiers had asked at the general Membership meeting about the possibility of changing the judges criteria for the scholarship essays to include non TarTan members. The Board concurred with Ginette's concerns and will tell her that she should make the Scholarship Committee 'her own' as well as changing the judges' criteria. The Board will request that Ginette think about any ideas or changes she might have for the future of the committee and report her suggestions and findings to the Boar over the next year.

'09 TarTan Specialty:, Robin Marshall reported that all AKC paperwork was finally approved and that all judges and committee are 'on board'. Secretary is Cathy Hill, photographer is Ken Reed, and Joyce MacWalter is heading up Hospitality among others. There was discussion regarding setting up at the grounds. Since we are using our own EZ UP tents our timing can be flexible. We will have setup at the grounds scheduled for noon with a prior meet at the Bell's at 10:00 in order to gather all the equipment and supplies. All extra items will be transported directly to the storage unit which is located on Sullivan Avenue down the road from the show site.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch- No report but Cindy had some correspondence regarding upcoming supported entries. TarTan is supporting the entry at the Eastern Dog Club Show in December 2009 in RI. The AKC Sporting Institute will be held there and the NE Sporting Group has been asked to participate by contacting local clubs for breed representatives. The Board agreed that TarTan should participate and will let Karol know that any correspondence from either NE Sporting or the AKC Sporting Institute should be recognized. It was also mentioned that the Big Apple Sporting Show which TarTan supports has moved their date to the Friday (February 12, 2010) before the Garden State Specialties instead of their original Thursday date.

Trophies: Beth Beatty –No report

Website: Discussion from previous email correspondence between board members regarding a new webmaster. The Board decided to appoint Donnah Brnger as the new TarTan webmaster. Cindy will send Lynn Tenny a thank you for all her hard work creating and administering the website.

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver-no report

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy-no report

GSCA Liaison: Jane Matteson –No report

Old Business:

-Another larger/commercial grade Ez Up purchase:

Discussion was to see how things work out at the specialty with the two we have before ordering another larger one.

-Storage Unit has been rented as of mid June '09. It is located on Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor. Specialty items will be brought to the unit after the show. Currently there is one key. Robin will see about giving them a deposit for a second key.

New Business:

Next Meeting:

11:00 am on October 24, 2009 in East Windsor, CT at the field trial.

Laura Bedford made a motion to adjourn, Ellen Shanahan seconded and the Board voted in favor. President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm

Field Trial		April 11 & 12, 2009	
Chairman: S. DeSilver			
Description:	Income:	Expense:	
AKC Fees/ Application		\$	25.00
		\$	212.00
Birds:	\$ 45.00		533..80
Donations:			
Publications/Flyers			
Printing Fees:			
Advertising:			
Sales:			
Postage:		\$	171.49
Entries:	\$ 2,897.00		
Insurance:			
Hospitality:			
Raffle:			
Grounds:		\$	150.00
Horses:		\$	1,326.75
Judges/Gunners:			
Gifts:		\$	200.00
Meals:	\$ 349.50	\$	278.00
Fees:			
Expenses:		\$	170.22
Veterinary:			
Telephone:			
Misc. Secretary:			
Rosettes:		\$	104.40
Trophies:			
Other:			
Photo Contest			
TOTAL:	\$ 3,291.50	\$	3,217.17
Net Gain/(Loss):	\$		74.33

NOTICE

Due to the close proximity of the GSCA National Field Trial dates to TarTan's Field Trial dates, and the probability of our entry being compromised, the October TarTan Field Trial will not be held this year.

**Larry Clifford,
President TTGSC**

Title Punishment - Is it Necessary?

**Speaker Pia Silvani
Date(s) October 4, 2009
Location Madison, NJ**

**Fee \$125
CEUs 5 CCPDT (pending)**

Host Organization St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center

**Website www.sthuberts.org
Contact Person Vincent Catalano
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Contact Phone 973-377-0116 ext. 231**

Description of Seminar/Conference

This talk will cover the influences which resulted in the evolution of dog training methods; the use of aversive control; the differences between positive and negative punishment; etc.

**"Due to the cancellation of the October TarTan Field Trial, the next TarTan Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 24, 2009 at 11:00 am at Nancy Smith's house in East Hartford, CT (Same date/different time and place)."
Thank you- Cindy Fitzgerald,
TTGSC
Secretary**

REMINDERS!!!

**Did you forget to pay your dues?
Single \$20.00, Family \$25.00**

**Send your check to Dorie
Viguers, 43 Eden Trail,
Bernardston MA 01337**

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Saturday, June 28, 2009 – East Windsor, CT.

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm

A sheet for attendance was circulated and 24 members signed with 3 guests in attendance. A quorum was certified.

Motion was made by Robin Marshall to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published. Jim MacWalter seconded the motion and all voting members in attendance voted affirmatively.

The Annual Election of Officers:

Secretary Cindy Fitzgerald announced that there were no ballots from the floor so she would cast one vote for the slate as published. The new Officers and Board of Directors taking office immediately;

President- Larry Clifford (MA), Vice President-Laura Bedford (CT), Secretary- Cindy Fitzgerald (CT), Treasurer- Nancy Smith (CT)

Board members to serve a two year term: Richard Dwyer (NH) & Ralph Schmid (CT)

Board members not up for election and staying in term: Robin Marshall (MA) & Ellen Shanahan (MA)

Cindy took a minute to thank Deb Burke and her nominating committee, to welcome Ralph Schmid to the board and to thank leaving member Anita Lustenberger.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford-No report

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald-Very little correspondence. Thank you notes from Nancy Smith, Jeff Walsh and Fidelco

Treasurer: Nancy Smith – Balance in our general account is currently \$10,220.64 with all current bills paid.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy – Upcoming trial in Amherst, NH is August 9 & 10,2009

Maureen said they are slowly filling and expect more entries to come in. Requested members come to help support and work, especially on Sunday when non club members start to leave for home.

Archives: Karen Gatchell- No report. Cindy & Laura went through some boxes of pictures and paperwork from Dorothy Page Whitney and will store it in the TarTan storage unit until we can plan a transfer to Karen. Also included were some boxes from Phyllis Lundy containing old TarTan and GSCA newsletters.

Awards: Coleen Banks-No report

Banquet: Laura Bedford –No formal report but she is planning to schedule the banquet around the same time and at the same location..

ByLaw Review & Revisions: Robin Marshall-No report. Cindy admitted that she is the hold-up...she needs to get the draft revised by laws printed and submitted to the newsletter for one last review by the membership. Unfortunately 'work' keeps getting in her way.

'09 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- No report but Larry Clifford said that the dates are probably the second weekend in October and that Susan had the paperwork started and in order.

'09 Fall Hunt Test: Mark Gallagher-No report but Ralph Schmid mentioned that the dates are usually the first weekend in November and the test is in Hopkinton, NH.

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell –No report but committee member Dr. Gerald Bell reported that there would be an article on PRA in the upcoming newsletter. He also said that with new cases emerging in USA, England and Norway research has been stepped up in Great Britain with the British Gordon Setter Clubs funding most of the research. USA researchers are supporting their endeavors.

Inventory: Laura Bedford reported that she is not placing a new order just yet, but she will be using a new company and hopes to have new inventory by the Fall events.

Library: Robin Marshall reported for Phyllis Lundy that she feels that our library is out of date with VHS tapes and asked that discussion about the library be brought up at the next board meeting.

Membership: Dorie Viguers –No report.

Newsletter: Karol Paduch, Jani Wolstenholme, Jeff and Jessica Martin-

Karol and Jani wanted to let the membership know that the newsletter would be slightly delayed this month due to the fact that Jeff has been overwhelmed with work. They are both working on a way to set up a back up system to help Jeff out. It was mentioned that we should 'push' the electronic availability to save of printing and mailing costs.

Picnic: Robin Marshall thanked everyone for coming, for all the help and for bringing LOTS OF DOGS ! She brought up Jim MacWalter's suggestion about having a Club clambake. Discussion ensued and it was determined that it would have to be scheduled as an individual activity rather than an 'add on' and the cost of approximately \$35 a head and lack of available time might be a deterrent. Robin will question the board and put an inquiry into the newsletter to gather members' responses.

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme said things were quiet on her end. Cindy mentioned that TarTan again supported the Fidelco Walk in May and Ginette Desrosiers said she would be participating in the Scottish Games in Northhampton, MA in mid and Ellen Shanahan said that TarTan would again be having a booth at the Altamont Games in NY.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan reported that things have been quiet although TarTan has assisted with some breeder relocations and referrals due to our growing list of potential adopters on our wait list. She continues to get good news and updates from our adopters.

Scholarship: Ginette Desrosiers reported that as the new chairmen she might be a little late with the whole procedure but she is handling things and will make sure that next year she is on top of it. We thanked her for stepping into the role and assured her that it was her committee to handle as she saw fit with our support.

'09 Specialty: Robin Marshall reported everything finally in order. Things proceeding on schedule.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch reported that TarTan had a good entry at all three supported entries this past year and that the next one would be in December at the Eastern show which is in RI this year. There will also be a sporting dog seminar.

Trophies: Beth Beatty- No report but Cindy said that all have been bought

Website: Lynn Tenny –No report

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver no report but Deb Freidus reported that there had been a work party last week and the whole kitchen area had been scoured and cleaned.

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy reported that they had held an April work party and had gotten the immediate area around the shelter in order.

GSCA Liaison: Jane Matteson- No report.

Old Business:

New Business: Cindy Fitzgerald mentioned that she and Liz Wilshere had been tossing around ideas to make extra money for the club and was considering trying to run some mini seminars open to non members to try to build our treasury.

Karol Paduch also mentioned the NE Sporting Group match being held at Tail U Win in Hamden, CT on July 18th

Next General Membership Meeting:

October 12, 2009 during lunch break at the TarTan Specialty in South Windsor, CT

Robin Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting/Laura Bedford seconded/All voted in favor/ President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

Submitted by Cindy Fitzgerald, Secretary

Got a favorite Gordon Goodie or a special treat you would like to share? Send your Recipe Ideas and Suggestions to

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Jani: vger4@verizon.net

for publication in the Newsletter!!

FEATURED DOGGIE YUMMY!

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AKC FORMS CANINE HEALTH & WELFARE ADVISORY PANEL

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the formation of the AKC Canine Health & Welfare Advisory Panel, extending and enhancing AKC's longstanding focus on the health and welfare of dogs. The panel's goal will be to provide factual and impartial information by creating a forum for proactive discourse based on scientific and ethical concerns. The AKC hopes to strengthen opportunities for the public to admire, love and own purebred dogs and to foster greater public education about health concerns relevant to all dogs.

Members of the Panel are:

* Sandra Barker, PhD, NCC, LPC, Director of the Center for Human-Animal Interaction, Virginia Commonwealth University

* Jerold Bell, DVM, Clinical Associate Professor of Genetics, Dept. of Clinical Sciences, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

* Edmund Dziuk, COO, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO

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* Frances Smith, DVM, PhD, Chair and President, Board of Directors, Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, Columbia, MO; Smith Veterinary Hospital, Inc., Burnsville, MN

Also joining the panel will be AKC Board Members Patricia H. Haines, DVM, and Alan Kalter. AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung will participate as an ex officio member.

"This impressive group offers a wide range of credentials and knowledge that will be a tremendous resource regarding information on canine health issues that affect all dogs," said Ron Menaker, AKC Chairman. "Americans are more passionate about pets than ever before. The combined expertise and collective dedication to animal welfare that this panel represents will engage the public on the topic of responsible dog breeding and provide balanced information from impartial sources."

For more information about canine health visit www.akcdoghealth.com.

“SHOW RING SEMINARS” TO DEBUT AT GROOM EXPO

Frank Sabella and Shirlee Kalstone are planning to organize educational courses for dog show exhibitors and breeders. The first event in the series “Show Ring Seminars,” will be an all-day program focusing on show ring handling and grooming that will take place at Groom Expo in Hershey on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Participants include:

Frank Sabella:

...World-famous judge who has judged at every major show in the USA including Westminster and the AKC/Eukanuba Championships as well as throughout Canada, South America, Europe, Japan and Australia.
 ...Legendary show handler who has won over 600 Bests in Show, including Westminster.

Peter Green:

... Famous Terrier expert and judge, who has recently judged at the FCI World Show in Sweden in 2008 and Best in Show at Crufts (UK) in 2009.
 ...The only living person to have won Best in Show at both Westminster...which he did four times...and at Crufts. Six times piloted a dog to the position of No.1 All Breeds in the US; 8 times BIS at Montgomery County Kennel Club.

Margery Good:

...World-famous breeder/owner/handler, accompanied by her “superstar” Sealyham Terrier **Ch. Etbe’s Hidalgo at Goodspice (“Charmin”)**.
 ...Charmin has won 95 Bests in Show including 2009 Crufts (22,000 dogs entered), 2008 FCI World Show in Sweden (21,000 dogs) and 2008 AKC-Eukanuba National Championships.

Anita Bax (U.K.):

...Bred and shown all three varieties of Poodles under the “Taladayga” prefix for over 40 years.
 ...International conformation judge, awarding tickets in all 3 Poodle sizes and to judge them in the U.K. and abroad. Also judges Utility and Toy Groups and Best in Show at the open level.

Sasha Reiss (Serbia):

... Professional handler who has shown over thirty different breeds and finished over 500 FCI certified champions throughout Europe and in Argentina, Brazil and Israel.

...Poodle specialist who also has been instrumental in the development of grooming styles for several FCI-recognized breeds.

They will be joined by breeder/handler/grooming specialists

Loretta Marchese

Bichon Frise breeder/handler/groomer. Finished 25 Bichon Champions plus Poodle champions, handling them to Group and Best in Show wins. Well known for assisting Wendell Sammett by grooming the top-winning Standard Poodle Ch. Alekai Mikimoto on Fifth for the show ring.

Mario DiFante,

Breeder/handler/groomer of AKC Ch. Portuguese Water Dogs (including Westminster breed winners). Assisted in writing the grooming guide for the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America.

Denise Collins

West Highland White Terrier breeder/handler/groomer. Her Westie Ch. Den Marc’s Chain Reaction (121 Best of Breeds, 32 Groups, 7 Specialties and 23 Best in Shows) was the No. 1 Westie and No. 8 All-Terrier in 2007.

Sarah Hawks

World-renowned Terrier groomer. Breeder of 40 Terrier champions. Producer of 7 terrier grooming videos. Presented Terrier grooming seminars around the world.

Sue Zecco

Poodle breeder/handler/groomer. Produced many standard champions under her “Dreamcatcher” prefix. Credits her mentor, Kax Hosaka, for her show grooming expertise.

Live-action subjects to be covered in the morning session: Formula for success in the show ring; Know your breed: Table and lead training puppies; Conditioning show prospects; Showing your dog in the ring; How styles of presentation vary slightly depending on the breed; Stacking your dog on the ground or on the table; Gaiting your dog; Baiting; The judge’s examination and what to do as the judge goes over your dog. Patterns of movement in the ring and much more.

To be covered in the afternoon session: All phases of coat care and grooming techniques for Poodles, Bichons Frises, Portuguese Water Dogs, Kerry Blue Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Airedales and several other wire-coated terriers that are stripped or pulled.

For more information or to be put on our mailing list, contact kalstones@aol.com or info@barkleigh.com or go to www.showringseminars.com

NAUGATUCK VALLEY KENNEL CLUB

AKC SANCTIONED B MATCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

CANINE SPORTS CENTER ROUTE 63, GOSHEN CT 06756

Registration: 930 am until 1130 am Entry Fee \$10.00

Judging begins 12 pm NOON

Breed Classes: Classes divided by sex

Puppy 3-6 month, 6-9 month, 9-12month

Best of Breed Puppy

Novice, Bred by Exhibitor, Open. Best of Breed Adult

**NO DOGS UNDER 3 MONTH OF AGE ALLOWED
ON SHOW GROUNDS**

BREED JUDGES

**Mr. Rey Burgos Sporting Breeds & Group
Working Breeds & Group**

**Mr. Kristofer Kelso Terrier Breeds & Group
Hound Breeds & Group**

Mr. James Pronovost Non-Sporting & Group

Ms. Cheryl Showah Toy Breeds & Group

Ms. Kathy Kraft Herding Breeds & Group

BEST PUPPY IN MATCH: Mr. Rey Burgos

BEST ADULT IN MATCH: Mr. Kristofer Kelso

**More info: Eugene Demers 203-206-2910
ewd19wv@aol.com**

Reminder to our Members!!!

For the most current Health clinics near you be sure to visit the TarTan Gordon Setter Club Website and click on Canine Health!

Listings of current health clinics are updated twice weekly so be sure to check often!

Fun Nose Work:

Here's a new sport that almost any of us can do with our dogs. Fun Nose Work, also known as K9 Nose Work, is a relatively new event that tests a dog's ability to detect a specific scent against the influence of many other odors. This is not a physically demanding sport, so it's perfect for those of us not into physically demanding stuff! It is also fairly inexpensive to train for. The basic supplies required are essential oils, and complete kits are available for about \$40. Classes, if you can find them, run about \$100 to \$150, depending upon the location. Entry fees for trials are about \$30, which is about the cost of most breed, obedience, and rally entries. Minimum age of competition is six months and the titles are:

NW1 - dog earns points for each search for the target scent of birch in each of the four locations with maximum time limits assigned to each location:

1. Several cardboard boxes in a row (on-leash)
2. A room in the interior of a building (on or off-leash)
3. A 1,000 sq. ft exterior area (on-leash)
4. In up to three vehicles (on-leash)

There are a total of 100 points possible, 90 points required for an NW1 title

NW2 - Dogs must show proficiency with searching for either birch or anise, distractions are added, and the locations become larger and more complex. 100 points possible, 95 required for an NW2 title.

NW3 - Dogs must show proficiency with searching for birch, anise, and/or clove. There are multiple distractions, and one of the rooms in the building can be without scent (decoy room), and the locations become larger and more complex. The vehicle search includes five vehicles. 100 pts required for an NW3 title.

For more detailed information, please check out the National Association of Canine Scent Work website at <http://02bc6e8.netsolhost.com/home/whatisk9nosework.html>

Massachusetts is listed as one of the five states that currently has instructors. For further information on this contact info@k9nosework.com or call (323) 656-1200 to ask about sponsoring a seminar.

Getting Rid of the Skunk Funk

By Bark Editors

You'll Need

A clean plastic bucket in which to mix the ingredients

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide (usually sold in pint bottles, so you'll need two; use of other strengths is not recommended)

1/4 cup baking soda (do not use washing soda, which is much stronger and will burn your dog's skin.)

1 to 2 teaspoons of liquid detergent (Softsoap and Ivory liquid are preferred)

How to Use It

Apply to dry dog, working well into the fur. Let stand for about five minutes, then rinse with tepid water; repeat if necessary. Do not store this mixture; it loses its effectiveness and more importantly, it releases oxygen gas and the container could explode. It may bleach the dog's hair (but better than the smell!). And remember, the sooner you deal with the skunking, the better, as over time, the smell sets and is harder to eliminate.

Source: Paul Krebaum, Chemical & Engineering News (1993)

**Celebrate Columbus Day
By Joining Your
Fellow Gordon Setter Exhibitors
At the
2009 Independent TarTan GSC Specialty**

**Monday, October 12, 2009
Rotary Pavilion, South Windsor, CT.**

Breed & Junior Showmanship: Ms. Carol S. Brown

Puppy Sweepstakes: Mr. Kevin M. Flynn

Obedience & Rally: Mrs. Joyce R. Leach

Trophies will be Pottery/ leather slip leads/ buckets and bowls

Special prizes for Junior Showmanship Classes – Savings Bonds

TarTan will again be hosting their super raffle and delicious luncheon

And who would not enjoy New England's famous fall foliage !!!!

Show Chairman: Robin Marshall
Lundy

Obedience Chairman: Phyllis

Raffle: Cindy Fitzgerald & Liz Wilshere Hospitality: Joyce MacWalter

Catalogue Ads: Laura Bedford : 11 Shafer Road, New Hartford, CT
06057

Trophies : Beth Beatty
Dwyer

Grounds: Larry Clifford/Richard

Show Secretary: Cathy Hill, 44-33 244th Street, Douglaston, NY, 11363

Whether you have an entry or not, it is ALWAYS a great day to enjoy watching our beautiful Black and Tans and spend time with friends and family....

Meeting new friends or reminiscing with old ones !

SKARA BRAE KENNEL is pleased to announce the long
awaited arrival of Caits' first litter born August 20th

5 boys 5 girls Perfect Cait !!!!!

AM CH Spring Run Quail Run Firethorn Upoar X

AM/Can CH Valley View Spring Cait "E" Did

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TarTan Archives

GSCA Newsletters --
To complete our records of Gordon Setters --

We are in need of the following

GSCA Newsletters #1- thru #27, #58, #60, #86-88, #90, #29-94, #96, #117-#126 and #526 (which would be the March 1997 issue) to today ---- instead of putting these in the trash, please advise what you are willing to donate, so I can complete our records...

Also looking for several copies of the GSCA National Specialty that the TarTan club hosted, in 1998, Warwick RI. I can not find that we kept any copies for our records ..

Thanks for all the CD's that I have received already --
-- and thank for dating them as well --- Events and Dates are very important on the info sent to Archives



AAAHHHH The Dog Days of Summer