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## 2023 GSCA 6th Annual National Walking Gun Dog Championship

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# Paris

Breeders: Rhonda Cornum & Silvia Timmermann  
Owners: Rhonda Cornum (KY), Silvia Timmermann (Germany),  
& Janie Bristow (NC)

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### January 2024

**01/06-01/07**—GSCA Agility Trials, Queen City Dog Training Club, 12018 Tramway Drive, Sharonville, OH; Diane Welling, 937/743-2367, [dwelling@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dwelling@cinci.rr.com)

### February 2024

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### March 2024

**3/24**—GSCA Specialty, New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Ave., Edison, NJ; Laura Bedford, 860/836-9468; [lauraKbedford@gmail.com](mailto:lauraKbedford@gmail.com)

### April 2024

**4/13-4/14**—GSCA Specialties, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, 401 Larry Walker Pkwy, Perry, GA; Susan Gordon, 407/421-1588, [gordonsetters@earthlink.net](mailto:gordonsetters@earthlink.net)

### May 2024

**5/10-5/11**—GSCA Specialties, Lima Kennel Club Showground, 1050 Thayer Rd., Lima, OH; James Thacker, 937/746-0022, [dunbargs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dunbargs@sbcglobal.net)

### June 2024

**6/28-6/30**—GSCA Agility Trials, CAPs Fieldhouse, 6060 West Canal Road, Valley View, OH; Julie Ashley, 614/893-4204 (days) / 614/893-4304 (evenings), [julieashk@aol.com](mailto:julieashk@aol.com) \*

### July 2024

**7/21**—Pacific Northwest GSC (IND) Specialties (2 Specialties: AM & PM events), Frontier Park, 21800 Meridian East, Graham, WA; Judith Larkin, 360/319-6522, [snowboundgordons@aol.com](mailto:snowboundgordons@aol.com)

### August 2024

**8/15-8/16**—GSCA, Specialties, Island Grove Regional Park, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave & D Street, Greeley, CO; Mary Quaco, 970/356-2151, [rmquaco@aol.com](mailto:rmquaco@aol.com) \*

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Calendar of event changes must be directed to Kristi Boehm, GSCA Corresponding Secretary (Kristi will distribute the changes to the appropriate people as well as the *Gordon Setter News* editor)

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All events run by GSCA Event Committees and licensed Gordon Setter Specialty Clubs require the approval of the GSCA Corresponding Secretary. Please send all paperwork (*using the pertinent Event Approval checklist*\*) at least 4 weeks before it is due at AKC to Kristi Boehm, 5010 Fox Hollow Blvd. Spring, TX 77389-3917

281-825-1647 / [kristi.boehm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristi.boehm@sbcglobal.net)  
(\*P&P Appendices 1-3 updated January 2022; contact Kristi Boehm for new forms. Do not mail the checklist. Mail original application (Kristi does not need a copy)

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### Performance Gordon Setter Committee Member Email Change

In last month's newsletter (page 2), our members were introduced to the newly formed Performance Gordon Setter Committee. The committee is made up GSCA members who are involved in the many AKC events that you and your Gordons can participate in. The Committee members are available as a source for information and mentoring. Member Mike Chebul, our FastCat and Trick Dog expert, has a new email address that you should make note of:

[mchebul@gmail.com](mailto:mchebul@gmail.com)

As a reminder, a new Facebook page spotlights the activities (Agility, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, FastCat, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Flyball and Coursing):

'Performance Gordon Setter'

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550742840850>

We will be posting videos of the activities and the 'how-tos' on that Facebook page. We all are excited about getting Gordon people involved in events that we love and hope to hear from you!

### Corrections to the 2023-2024 Membership Directory

Thanks to those of you who alerted me to the following errors in the 2023-24 GSCA Membership Directory:

**Brenda Hayward:** Brenda, the GSCA's OFA Liason, has two email addresses. The preferred email address to use for OFA-related club correspondence (page 12) should be changed to: [brendaphayward@gmail.com](mailto:brendaphayward@gmail.com)

Brenda's address shown on page 24 (general membership section) should be changed to [brendap43@comcast.net](mailto:brendap43@comcast.net)

**Gretchen Shoemaker** (PA) correct street address is:  
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—Dianne Avery (MI)

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## President's Message ~ December 2023

**H**appy New Year to all of you and your Gordon families! This is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Gordon Setter Club of America! We have much to celebrate with three successful National events completed this fall. Congratulations again to the winners of the National Specialty in Pennsylvania, the National Walking Gun Dog Championship in Michigan, and the National Field Championship and National Amateur Field Championship in Kansas. The Chairs and committees of these important events, Barbara Burns, Nance Skoglund, and Cindy Findley, respectively, are all to be congratulated on their hard work and jobs well done.

I am proud to announce our newly appointed Junior Coordinator, Dianna Ellis. Dianna shepherded a junior through Junior Showmanship competition and raised a committed lifelong dog fancier. Dianna has lots of ideas that she will be sharing soon.

We've all been hearing about incidences of the Canine Respiratory Disease. There is plenty of information out there – and plenty of misinformation as well, but our Health & Genetics chair has researched two useful sites.

⇒ The first is from the American Veterinary Medical Association and will have current, accurate information: <https://www.avma.org/news/making-sense-mystery-illness-found-across-us>

⇒ The second is a statement from Kansas State Diagnostic Lab offering guidance for veterinarians regarding best diagnostic practices for suspect cases and giving direction as to how a veterinarian should proceed to send samples should all other diagnostic tools fail to determine the cause of illness. <https://ksvdl.org/docs/Mystery-Canine-Respiratory-Disease-Testing.pdf>.

A reminder about GSCA events and Facebook—Facebook is a useful source for many but we have members who do not choose to belong to Facebook. Any Facebook event site that a committee wishes to use should also link to our website. The website receives all approved events from Corresponding Secretary, Kristi Boehm. However, the Board would like to remind Event Committees that they can submit additional information, including premium lists, running orders, or any other information pertaining to their events so that interested parties can find everything in one place. Webmaster Donnah Brnger, [webmaster@gsca.org](mailto:webmaster@gsca.org), has created handy links to premium lists and other useful tools.

It is our responsibility to keep our member passwords private. Please DO NOT SHARE. There is a sample newsletter on the publicly accessible part of our site to induce new members to join. We should not have to inconvenience members with additional security protocols to prevent members from sharing.

Our next full Board meeting with a call for committee reports is scheduled for March 5th. Be sure to get your reports to Recording Secretary, Rhonda Cornum. Even if you have nothing to report, please let us know.

I am saddened to report that Sally ("Sandy") Melichar, 76, of Ellicott City, MD, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Sandy had been a GSCA member since 2013 and is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Bowers, also a GSCA member, and Jennifer's family. Long-time former member, Lois Ornat, passed away suddenly on December 19<sup>th</sup>. She was also a long-time former member of North Country GSC.

—Susan DeSilver (CT)

### 2024 GSCA National Specialty Logowear

**Are you going to the GSCA Specialties in Madison, Wisconsin  
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**If so, we can deliver your merchandise to the shows!**

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An order form for the 2024 National Specialty logowear  
appears on page 12 of this issue.



## Remembering Marte (Martha) Wetzel, Glen Oak Gordon Setters



### Marte Wetzel Obituary

Marte Wetzel passed away on October 14, 2023. Born in Lancaster, Wisconsin on December 5, 1955, Marte lived a life filled with love, joy, friendship, and an unyielding spirit of adventure. She was crowned Miss Grant County in 1973.

Marte is survived by her loving husband, Frank Wetzel, of 37 years, her brother, John Elwell, and his wife Mary. She also leaves behind two nephews, a niece, and their families. Marte and her

husband owned *Glenoak Gordons Kennel* and proudly bred champion Gordon Setters for 35 years. She was an active member of the Gordon Setter Club of America. Her passion for Gordons and her dedication to the club was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her love for animals extended beyond her dogs to her horses.

An enthusiast of the great outdoors, Marte was a member of the Holiday Island Hikers. She loved nothing more than to be out in nature, exploring new trails and the beauty of the world around her. Marte was an avid Sporting Clays shooter and also enjoyed scuba diving. She loved the serenity and glory of the underwater world.

Donations may be made to Good Shepherd Humane Society, Eureka Springs, Arkansas ([www.goodshepherd-hs.org](http://www.goodshepherd-hs.org)) or the Gordon Setter Club of America for canine cancer research, AKC CHF Gordon Setter DAF, c/o Dianne Avery, PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI, 49230-0824, donation made on behalf of Marte Wetzel. ❖

By Beth Hintz, *Rocky Knoll, WI*

I met Marte Wetzel in 1999. I bought a Gordon Setter puppy from her. She was my first Gordon Setter; her name was *Kinsey*. I knew nothing about dog shows. Marte asked if she could show *Kinsey*; I agreed.

I started going to local shows to watch, then started to travel as a 'brush bitch.' By doing this with Marte, I gained the confidence to start my own kennel and show my own dogs.

Our friendship grew over the years. When I started to show my own dogs, she would encourage me, and always made it okay. Marte enjoyed the camaraderie of the shows. We met so many people who have become friends.

I enjoyed 20 plus years of dog shows with Marte. She loved the breed and enjoyed showing them. She was a master of wearing bling in the ring. She knew how to accessorize! I will miss her friendship, love, and the warmth of who she was. ❖



Beth Hintz (left) with Marte at the 2019 National Specialty

Photo by Ben Perez

By Dianne Avery & Beni Levi, *Wyttsend, MI*

We were shocked to hear in late September that long-time GSCA member Marte Wetzel (*Glen Oak Gordons*) was seriously ill and saddened, when not long after, we learned she'd lost her battle with an aggressive cancer. We've known Marte since she joined GSCA more than 35 years ago. In the early days, when we were active as participants and/or workers in Gordon Setter events (specialties, field trials and hunting tests), we saw Marte at specialties. She had wonderful sense of humor and adored her dogs. And she did a beautiful job presenting them.

When we became less active in events due, first, to relocations for job changes and, later, in retirement, we stayed in touch with Marte by email and occasional notes. When Marte and her husband Frank moved from snowy Wisconsin, where they had lived for many years, to the milder climate of Arkansas, we heard from Marte more often on 'Club business.'

For reasons neither Marte nor I were ever able to figure out, she had constant problems with receiving her *Gordon Setter News* at her new home. This went on for months and months. We use the US Post Office for a lot of mailing, especially 'dog club stuff,' and have generally found postal employees to be terrific. Marte was not so lucky! The only way we could get her mail to her safely (she chose not to opt for the digital edition of the NEWS) was for me to mail them to her via 'regular' first class mail. Marte never complained and was always patient. Ironically, shortly before she fell ill, she asked me to try having the printer mail her newsletters (as they do for most other members). And, for whatever reason, it worked. The last message I had from Marte was a quick email that said something like 'woo hoo – got my newsletters two issues in a row!' It is clear from the outpouring of support from Marte's friends that a very big segment of the Gordon Setter community will miss her dearly. ❖



2017 National Specialty Veteran Sweeps:

Marte (left) with her *Sydney*, oldest (12 years & over) Veteran bitch, GCH Glen Oaks Black Swan Shiraz (co-owned with Beth). To her right is Beth Hintz with Sydney's son, *Knight*, GCH Rocky Knoll's Respectable Knight, who took 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class (Dogs, 7 yrs & under 8 yrs), owner-handled by Beth Hintz.





Marte with CH Glen Oaks Jackaroo Big Red at the June 2008 North Country GSC specialty where he took RWD and Best Bred by Exhibitor.

By Betsy & Clyde Sippel



Marte at 1996 GSCA National Specialty, San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf  
Photo by Betsy Sippel

ROAD TRIP? Marte was always game to hit the road. She loved her *Glen Oak* Gordons and loved showing them. She had the process of loading dog crates, totes, x-pens, etc., down to a science. Someone jokingly named her "the bungee queen" for her expertise in keeping everything so securely fastened.

I think she rarely missed a GSCA National and her grooming abilities were always in high demand. As far as our Badgerland club, her talents knew no bounds. Marte sewed snoods, bath blankets, and dog toys for fundraising. She was newsletter editor, chair of our supported entries, initiated our first hunt test, did rescue work, and made wonderful pies and scones for our field trials. She and her husband Frank often

welcomed club members to their home and cabin for our annual winter walk. She was our tireless rock. And if you attended any Badgerland event, you got to know Marte, as she was always outgoing, warm and welcoming to one and all.

We were fortunate to have shared fourteen years with one of Marte's pups, *Oakley*, CH Glen Oaks Cherokee Rose CD RN SH NA NAJ (CH Glen Oaks African Queen JH x CH Clearcut Birddog Buck MH). *Oakley* was a wonderful companion and Marte was always there to support us in our adventures.

We truly valued Marte's friendship and our hearts go out to Frank who shared her life and love of Gordon Setters. ❖

By Connie & Chris Rhoden, *Tamdhu*, WI

Chris and I bought our first Gordon Setter from Holly Wachuta in '93. In '94 I met Holly at a dog show in Mosinee, Wisconsin to give dog showing a try. Afterwards, there was a gathering of the Badgerland Gordon Setter "area committee" for a lunch and meeting. It was here that I met Marte. Marte lived less than 45 minutes away and quickly became my dog showing mentor. Our friendship took off from there. She drove a red Subaru hatchback at the time and I was always amazed at what we could fit in that car on top of a couple of dogs. From that first dog club meeting, I quickly became involved in club activities, and in no time, I became Secretary and later Treasurer. Marte held just about every club position there was for our committee, except Treasurer. She was also our newsletter editor for many years and she managed our dog fair exhibit at the Badgerland Kennel Club annual dog fair in Madison. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and wore many hats, often at the same time! We worked closely together on most club events.

Frank and Marte bought a small cabin in Adams-Friendship, a bit North of Wisconsin Dells, and that became the club's base for our annual "winter walk" with the Gordons. At times we had over 20 Gordon Setters running freely in the open fields nearby—it was quite a sight. Sleepovers were inevitable and we would wake up to homemade buttermilk pancakes. Through the years, club roles changed and when I ran the field events, we relied on Marte to head up the kitchen. Marte was a marvelous cook and no one ever went away hungry. She would bake fantastic pies for our trials and our judges and trialers would come into the kitchen looking for them! She also loved horses, and when she could get away from the kitchen, she would ride a brace or two to get back in the saddle.

Her life took an abrupt turn just recently. While attending the 2023 National Specialty, we were all to gather for a fun time, including Marte and Frank, who were coming from Arkansas where they retired. While we were driving to the National, we received news she would not be coming. A few days later, more sad news, and then a week later, she was gone. God gained another angel. Our sympathies go out to her husband Frank. Marte was an anchor for the Gordon Setter activities in this region, a truly wonderful and one-of-a-kind person, and she will be truly missed by all. ❖



Marte and her *Sydney* at the 2015 National Specialty Senior Handling fundraiser for the AKC CHF Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund.  
Photos by Phyllis Ensley

## Remembering Marte Wetzel, continued

By Jenny Gibson, TX

My husband Steve and I got our first Gordon Setter, *Gunny*, in 2006, and it wasn't very long after that we met Marte Wetzel. *Gunny's* breeders were Chris and Connie Rhoden (*Tamduh Gordon Setters*), active members of Badgerland Gordon Setter Club, and they convinced us to join Badgerland. We became involved in so many new activities as members of Badgerland that we had not experienced before. I probably met Marte for the first time at a dog show, and over the years, we went to many of the same shows and spent some time sitting and talking at the end of the day over dinner and/or some adult beverages.

Marte did a great job of putting together trophies for the supported entry at the Marshfield dog show. Each year Badgerland put on a field trial and a hunt test. Marte could usually be found most of the weekends working in the kitchen helping to make the meals. We had many conversations in the clubhouse at the Pine Island Wildlife Area while working in that kitchen. When I think of some of the other activities we got involved in with Badgerland, Marte was always there. She organized the Gordon Setter booth at the Madison Dog Fair. She usually participated in the Fun Field Day we held each year, working both young and old dogs on birds. Watching Marte working with her young pups in the field on their first bird contacts was a lot of fun.

My fondest memory was probably the Winter Walk Badgerland held each year at Marte and Frank's cabin. Everyone would meet up at the cabin, bringing a dish to share at a meal together, after which we would hold a club meeting, and then everyone would take their dogs out for a romp in a nearby farm field. Most years there was snow and the dogs had a blast. I'm very thankful that Marte called me out of the blue just a few weeks before she passed and we had the opportunity to catch-up and talk about our Gordons again. We will miss her. ❖

By Peggy DaValt, *Raritan/Amethyst, WI*

*"Death is beautiful and spiritual and transcendent and sometimes a very necessary and a freeing escape from our physical bodies when they are no longer inhabitable."* ~ Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist

I received a phone call from Gail Godding the week of the 2023 GSCA National Specialty. She called to tell me that Marte was supposed to be going to the National but had become quite ill and would not likely make it to the show. As it turned out, Marte passed away on October 14, 2023, after a brief illness. She and her husband, Frank, had relocated to Arkansas from Wisconsin back in 2021.

Those of you who have been in Gordon Setters for a while know that Gail Godding, Marte Wetzel and I co-owned a Gordon Setter boy named *River* (MBISS GCHS UKC MBIS GRCH Glen Oaks River Breeze Shiraz) who was out of Marte's "wine litter." The sire was Am/Can CH Trisetar Ebonie Nirvana (*Nirvana*) out of Beth Hintz's *Kinsey* (CH Glen Oak's Kinsey Report) that took us various places that we would never have dreamed. There was New York City for Westminster, Long Beach, California to the GSCA National and Eukanuba Tournament as well as to Eukanuba in Florida a time or two. It was a great journey. I also had the pleasure of co-owning one of Nirvana and Kinsey's girls, GCH U-CH Glen Oaks' Afterglow O' Amethyst RN JH THDN CGC (R.E.A.D.) with Laurie Carlson (*Lyric*).

However, along the way, life happens, misunderstandings occur and friendships crack. In a situation like this, life is funny as it can teach you the greatest lessons from death. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that Marte would not still be here. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that it's now been over two months since her passing. Life is short and in writing her a letter prior to her passing, I shared with her some of my own personal reflections about life, friendship, and dogs.

Marte and I met years ago; I am not actually sure when it was. I ended up purchasing my first *Fire*, CH Glen Oaks' Firedance O'

Amethyst, from her. Fire was a dog from the breeding of her KC to Phyllis Perelli's and Vanessa Cappello's CH Black Anvil Kadabra (*Magic*). Fire was a great dog, along with sister, *Jazz*, who won WB/BOW at the 1996 GSCA Specialty in California under Dr. Quentin LaHam. Fire went on to sire some nice litters for my ex-husband and me and I still have his great-grandson, my "second" *Fyre*, CH Raritan's Black Heat CGC.), who lives with me along with his sister *Ember*. When Marte, Beth, Gail and I were in Des Moines for a show, Fire was not doing well and we had found out from my dog sitter he had passed away. Marte would not let me drive home. So she did. The next day, she and Gail came to my house for a memorial ceremony to remember Fire. That was the Marte that some of us got to see. We knew that she did have love and concern for her offspring and their owners.

I often believed that Marte did not feel she achieved as much success with her Glen Oak Gordons as she had envisioned. In doing a brief search on OFA's web site, I was amazed to see just how many champions she had produced. To me, that showed success. She and I also had the privilege to have shown River at "The Garden" three years in a row, with him being awarded an Award of Merit from Judge Ken Murray in 2012. He had 3 specialty wins, several group placements, and awards with the GSCA for being in the top 10. He was the 7<sup>th</sup> Gordon to win his Grand Championship title as well as being a UKC Grand Champion. He also had 10 bests in show in the UKC world. This is a dog that you bred, Marte, and you should be proud of that accomplishment. That title of breeder should always make you proud, as it was something that could never be taken from you even as you are no longer here with us.

While things in life made our relationship fractured for the past decade, time can heal things and now I realize that in death that is true as well. Rumi stated this, "Before death takes away what you are given, give away what there is to give." While I, along with others, never got to say "good-bye," we can do it here and through the grieving process and the recalling of memories along the way. Author Herman Hesse stated this, "Some of us think holding on makes us strong, but sometimes it is in the letting go."

I trust that you will be on the other side smiling at all these memorials and knowing that you had friends here on this side who really did care. Love and light to you, Marte. ❖



The above picture of River, Marte (left) and Peggy DaValt was taken on July 25, 2009 at the Great Lakes specialty in Waukesha, Wisconsin where he was awarded BOB.



By Gail Godding, *Willowglen Gordon Setters* (WI)

Marte Wetzel was passionate when it came to her Gordon Setters. She bred them for 35 years under the kennel name of Glen Oak Gordon Setters. She won a WB/BOW award at the 1996 GSCA National Specialty in California with a bitch named, *Jazz* that she bred. She also bred a *Nirvana* son out of *Kinsey* by the name of MBISS GCHS UKC MBIS GRCH Glen Oaks River Breeze Shiraz, who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Best of Breed Gordon for three consecutive years and earned an Award of Merit in 2012 under judge Ken Murray at Westminster. This was the best litter she ever bred—producing 4 champions.

Marte was a barber by trade and groomed our dogs for many years. She was more than happy to give grooming tips and advice as needed. She was a hard worker and dedicated to the dogs she loved.

I feel deeply saddened by her death. She was to have attended this year's National Specialty but days before she was to come, she was diagnosed with cancer and was given just weeks to live. She was admitted to hospice immediately and died days later. My heart cries for her, to find this out and then be gone so fast. She was a good friend and she will be sadly missed. ❖

By Suzy DeSilver, *Gordon Hill*, CT

It was terrible news and a dark cloud over us all when we heard the news that Marte had gone into the hospital during the National Specialty, her health declining rapidly.

Even though she barely knew me in the early 90s, Marte rescued me and my just-bred bitch, *Hannah*, from a repair garage in the bitter Wisconsin winter when my ancient Volvo spun a wheel bearing in Madison. Snow was blowing, temperatures were below zero, and we were welcomed at Marte's home with her wonderful hospitality – even though she had a newborn litter. I admired her very clever arrangement to keep puppies warm and snug. Once we were well fed, warm and rested, Marte sent us on our way.

I will miss Marte's cheerful and always smiling face. She loved Gordons and she was generous with her time and her knowledge. I will always remember her fondly. It's folks like Marte, a gracious winner and kind helping hand, who make our extended Gordon family so special and enduring. ❖

## Remembering Sandy (Sally) Melichar March 27, 1947 ~ November 12, 2023



### Sandy Melichar Obituary

Sally ("Sandy") A. Melichar, 76, of Ellicott City, passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Sally had worked as a consultant in the residential real estate industry. She loved dogs and enjoyed showing them over the years. She had been a GSCA member (with her daughter Jennifer) since 2013. She had also been a 4-H leader for many years. Her love of dogs led her to

volunteer for Fidos for Freedom, training dogs for the organization.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Bowers, Jennifer's husband, Devon, and grandson, Maddox Bowers, all of Parkton, Maryland. Memorial donations may be made to Fidos for Freedom at <https://fidosforfreedom.org>

*Editor's note: I was saddened to learn of Sandy's passing. In the December 2018 issue of the News, I published an article written by Sandy to thank the GSCA community for its support of her daughter Jennifer who was a candidate for the Kellogg's Amazing Kid of the Year title. The article was titled "Kellogg's Amazing Kid—Where is She Now?" Following is an excerpt from that article—which shares how Jen introduced her mom (a Doberman fancier) to Gordons!*

*"Do you remember a long time ago...about 20 years or so ago...a little girl who was training service dogs? GSCA got*

*behind her with votes and she became the Kellogg's Amazing Kid of the Year. She won a computer, scanner, printer, etc. for her school and also for herself. It was great for her as, up until then, a computer held little interest for her. Getting her own computer was certainly a plus to her in school.*

*The Kellogg's Amazing Kid of the Year title was bestowed on 14 year old Jen Melichar in recognition of the volunteer work that enriched the lives of many in her community. The contest, sponsored by Kellogg's, the corn flakes folks, was geared towards finding kids who were making an impact in their world. Only 30 entries were selected for online voting and only one would win the grand prize of a new computer, printer, scanner and speakers for the winner and another set for the winner's school.*

*When the word got out that Jen was one of 30 selected from more than 300 entries in the Kellogg's-sponsored contest, the members of GSCA and the dog community got behind her and cast their votes. Not only were these people voting for Jen, they were reading all 30 essays written about each of the 30 finalists, and then telling their friends to go online and vote for her because they truly felt she was the most deserving. Two days before Christmas that year, and long after I'd decided that someone else must have won the contest, the call came letting us know that she was the Grand Prize winner. Jen said, 'Really? I won?' Then, 'I won! Yes!' She even had a call from Oprah. Talk about excitement!*

*When Jen was five, she had started saving her money and doing odd jobs around the house for a quarter here and a quarter there. She stopped her request for trips to the toy store and banked every cent anyone gave her. She did her research on various breeds and at the tender age of six, she bought (Gordon Setter) *Betsy* (Fieldstone Cotton Candy), bred by Mary Ann and George Alston, with rolls of coins because she couldn't understand how it would be her money buying her dog if I wrote a check to the breeder. (Jen is pictured below hugging Betsy.)*



*She loved Betsy and was determined to do something special with her. Jen and Betsy visited nursing homes as members of Pets on Wheels. Later, Jen and Betsy also became members of Fidos for Freedom, an all-volunteer group that trains hearing assistance and mobility assistance dogs. They also have a Therapy Dog program and did a lot of public awareness on behalf of the service dog community.*



*We have very fond memories of those days from winning the contest to the day she finished her first conformation Gordon, CH Braewens Goombay Smash, bred by Vivian Miller & Mollie Williams."*

*Sandy also owned heart Gordon Rodney (CH Valley View's Hot Rod Lincoln) bred by Joanne Van Aller. At the time of Sandy's death, she co-owned Logan (Valley View's Silent Night) (who needs 3 pts to finish!) with her daughter Jen. Logan was a wedding gift from Sandy to Jen and her husband. ❖*

## Remembering Sandy Melichar, continued



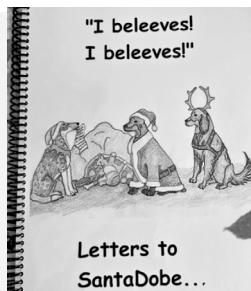
**1993 Crownsville Scottish Games**

L to R: Sue Sealock & Megan, Sandy Melichar & Corey, Joyce Quinn & Zaya, Jennifer Melichar & Betsy, Dawn & Sarah, and Sam Quinn (Gordon's name not known).

## Remembering Sandy Melichar

Preface: Sandy Melichar is the creative force behind *"I Beleeves! I Beleeves! Letters to Santa Dobe."* For almost 20 years, Santa Dobe has become a legend, flying through the air on the Night of the Great Sleigh Pull with her team of GorDeer and flanked by a very special color guard made up of those who now reside at Rainbow Bridge and need just one more moment with their beloved humans to make sure they are ok. The Candle Lighting Ceremony held on the Friday before Christmas every year for those in Rescue and those in need of rescue has become a tradition in homes across the country. It has even been said that the Santa Dobe letters have brightened the season for "TwoFooters" unable to be with their families and some in nursing homes.

Most of all, Santa Dobe is a light hearted and meant to reflect compassion and love regardless of your breed or beliefs. If you



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Santa Dobe and her team of GorDeer

stop for a few moments on the Night of the Great Sleigh Pull and listen carefully, I'm sure you'll hear the DoberChoir singing holiday songs and, if you've been very good throughout the year, you might even be able to hear Truman singing O Holy Night. ❖

By Kristin Majercik, MacMarLen, AL

I have been thinking a great deal about my friend, Sandy Melichar, who died on November 12. Sandy was a person who loved dogs, and had in her lifetime many who were special—among them:

- ♥ Mindy, a Doberman—the inspiration for Santa Dobe.
- ♥ Betsy, a Gordon Setter—a therapy dog who loved wearing costumes and going to nursing homes all dolled up. Betsy did "Pets on Wheels" (as seen in the walker photo on previous page while visting at a nursing home) and was a fully trained hearing assistance dog—a favorite for demonstration purposes.
- ♥ Angus 'the wise,' a smooth-coated collie—originally trained for service work but rejected due a health issue—and, instead, permanently settled in with the Melichar family!
- ♥ Brooke, a Golden Retriever actress—her favorite role starring in Little Orphan Annie).
- ♥ Rodney, a Gordon Setter who loved Sandy totally, and Sandy loved totally back, carried the squeaky red heart that said so.



Rodney

♥ Smash, her first conformation Gordon—trained to pull Santa Dobe's sleigh!

Sandy was the clever wit who delighted so many every year with her conversational exchanges with the dogs who wrote their Christmas letters to Santa Dobe. The magical world she created came to include Santa Dobe's ever expanding great sled, powered by the amazing GorDeer (who somehow looked like Gordon Setters). The Night of The Great Sleigh Pull, when Santa Dobe took those who had crossed the Rainbow Bridge during the previous year to visit their families. She comforted those who mourned and gave them a chance to talk about their beloved dogs one more time. She counseled those who revealed concerns in their letters, and gave all who wrote a lovingly delightful response. She did this every year for close to 30 years. At one point, she added a memorial candlelight service on the

Friday before The Great Sleigh Pull.

Of course Sandy didn't do all of this by herself... there were friends who were also involved, but Sandy was certainly at the





L to R, *Angus*, the smooth-coated Collie, *Mindy*—the Doberman who was the inspiration for Santa Dobe, *Hobes*—the Aussie, a hearing assistance dog in training, and *Betsy*—a fully trained hearing assistance Gordon. Headshot is of her special girl *Mindy*.



heart of it. Thus the spirit of Santa Dobe lives on, and the events that Sandy and her friends created will continue to enhance the holiday spirit and season as they always have.

It would, while enjoying the delightful world of Santa Dobe, be appropriate to honor the woman who was at its heart for so long. Sandy's wish was that when she passed, in lieu of flowers, folks would donate to an organization which she strongly supported, Fidos For Freedom. It costs this organization \$15,000 to provide a trained dog for a veteran. I am including here the link to their website and their donation box. Read for yourself the wonderful things they do. My hope is that all of us together will be able to donate enough to support one dog, and that the dog will be named in Sandy's memory and honor.

Go to [fidosforfreedom.org](http://fidosforfreedom.org) ... At the top of the page you will find a line of tab titles. The one on the far right is for Donations. Click on it. Select the box with the 'choose your own amount' notation, and fill in whatever amount you feel comfortable donating—because *EVERY* donation helps—and be sure to put in the memo box '*FOR SANDY*' so that the organization can keep track of how much we are able to generate.

And THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. ❖

## Remembering Paul McCoy, 1957 ~ 2023

In Memory of Paul McCoy  
By Kim Thorpe, *Glen 'More, FL*  
Paul passed away unexpectedly  
on 10/31/23.

In September of 2017 our Gordon *Gracie* had her first litter of puppies. The puppies were whelped at Glen 'Mor North (Jim and Joyce MacWalter). Paul and Anne McCoy reached out to Glen 'Mor about wanting a puppy for their daughter Barbi. After filling out our application, they passed and were on our puppy list.



When the litter was 7 weeks old, we had a puppy party at Jim and Joyce MacWalter's home in Massachusetts. Puppy buyers who lived close by came to the party to play with them. This was the first time I met Paul, Anne and Barbi. I don't think they ever left the puppy room the whole time they were there. When I told them which puppy was going to be Barbi's (Light Blue Boy), now known as *Declan*, he was in Barbi's arms the whole time. Declan was brought into their family as a companion for Barbi with no intentions of doing any AKC events with him. I felt like I immediately bonded with the family. When you purchase a Glen 'Mor Gordon Setter you become part of our family. They all became friends with me on Facebook. We stayed in touch from that day on and still stay in touch on a weekly basis.

We introduced them to hunt tests and conformation. They were all open to checking both out. I remember them going to their first hunt test with Declan. Barbi was not too sure about it but entered Declan in the TarTan hunt test at Markover in Connecticut. When she came back from her brace, I asked her how she did. When she handed me her score card, I almost fell over. It was all 9s. Of course, at that point, the McCoy's were hooked on hunt tests. I admired how close they were as a family and how they always went to dog events together. As time went on, I got to know them better.

As Declan was growing up, Paul and Anne decided they wanted to have their own Glen 'Mor Gordon Setter. When *Gracie* had her second litter of puppies, they got a male from the litter,



Paul and Fax in Gettysburg for the 2023 GSCA National Specialty

now known as *Fax*. Anne flew down to my home in Florida to pick him up at 8 weeks old. Declan immediately accepted Fax and the two of them bonded. I loved how they brought them to work at their karate school, McCoy's Action Karate. They are a wonderful family who do so much with Declan (now GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA) and Fax (now CH Glen 'Mor's Halifax Dearg Sashen JH CGCA CGCU TKI)—two very spoiled boys that are loved very much.

The last time my husband David and I saw Paul was at the National

Specialty this year. The day after the National, David and I said goodbye to a few of our Gordon friends as they were packing up to leave. As we were walking back through the hotel, we decided to have breakfast before we left. Barbi and her dad were sitting there eating. We sat down with them and spent about 30 minutes or so eating and chatting. I am so glad we had that time with Paul. As we said goodbye, I never imagined it would be the last time we would see him.

I am especially going to miss a few things about Paul. First, he LOVED *Gracie*. He would always be one of the first to comment on my Facebook posts, and if it was a *Gracie* post, he would always say how she was "the best puppy mommy." I am also going to miss his posts with pictures of the boys getting their Starbucks Puppuccino treat. But the one thing I am going to miss most is the videos and pictures he would always send me whenever he was at a dog show—even before Declan or Fax went in the ring. He made me feel like I was there and a part of the shows or hunt tests. Paul McCoy was a wonderful person and I am so grateful he and his family have Glen 'Mor Gordons and came into my life. ❖

# The 2024 GSCA National Specialty & Companion Events

September 15 - 24, 2024

GSCA Centennial  
1924-2024



Beauty, Brains, and Birdsense  
2024 GSCA National Specialty  
Marshall, Michigan

## Celebrating 100 Years of Beauty, Brains & Birdsense

What an amazing accomplishment for our breed and for GSCA members! When we turn the calendar page to January 2024, we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Club. Gordon Setters were one of the first breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club and we are still going strong.

In September we salute this amazing accomplishment, holding GSCA's annual bash in Michigan. We hope to have many members and supporters of our beloved breed there to join in the fun. GSCA's Barbara Burns has, again, graciously agreed to Chair this event. Jodi Hurd is our Events Coordinator. Gordon Chambers will be our Chief Ring Steward. Selia Danes will work her magic on decorating the show site. Katie Marr is in charge of Hospitality for the National. Although things can always change as an event draws nearer, here's what the 2024 National Specialty Committee has planned, so far, for next fall:

**When:** September 15-21, 2024

**Where & What:** Marshall, Michigan. Marshall is a historic small town in southern Michigan, not far from the Indiana border and not too far from Battle Creek, Michigan. The National Specialty, including Junior Showmanship, Obedience and Rally Trials will be held at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds in Marshall, a site where all breed dog shows and specialties have been held for many years. **The Specialty Conformation Classes will be filmed by Ken Davis and will appear on AKC TV, a first for our breed!** Ken has filmed a number of Gordon Setter Nationals in the past and he's a 'Setter guy' (Irish Setters) so knows how to capture moving setters on film.

The **Agility Trial** will start things off. It will be held in Grand Rapids, September 15, in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Agility trial. More details will be available in upcoming issues of the *NEWS*.

The **Hunting Test** will wrap the festivities up and will be held at the Highland Recreation Area, Saturday, September 21. Bea VanKampen is Hunting Test Secretary. Chair position is currently open.

**Judging Panels:** Events held at the Fairgrounds include Specialty classes judged by Wayne Cavanaugh (Michigan); Junior Showmanship judged by Barbara Burns (Illinois) and Obedience and Rally by Delvyn Lunn (Ontario, Canada). Judges for the Agility Trial and Hunting Test are pending.

**Non-competitive activities:**

**Archives.** The Archives presentation will focus on 100 years of GSCA – a big topic to be sure – much of the focus will be on the Club's earliest years. It will be held at the Fairgrounds, date/time to be announced.

**Breeders' Education,** Mary Ann Leonard will lead the discussion held at the Fairgrounds after class dogs and non-regular classes are judged. Topics covered will be spontaneous pneumothorax and canine cancers.

**Health Testing:** Health Testing will be held at the show site. Nance Skoglund is the contact person for this. Watch for further details in upcoming issues of the *NEWS*.

**Judges' Education:** Mick Osman, Chair of this Committee, will lead the session. Details on date/time to be announced.

### Lodging

The host hotel is the **Hampton Inn, Marshall, Michigan**. Located off I-94 at Exit 110, it is 2.6 miles from the Fairgrounds. Rates are \$139/night with a pet fee of \$50 per pet for the stay. Reservations for the block opened December 1, 2023 and are expected to close August 29, 2024. Make your reservation by calling (269)789-0131 and mention Gordon Setter Club of America. **The group rate code is GSC.**

### Show Photographer

**Susan Booth.** Susan is a pro with many years' experience photographing dogs and is well familiar with Gordons as she has beautifully photographed the GSCA Midwest Specialty winners for many years.

### Fun Stuff for Exhibitors/Workers

Katie Marr is putting together wonderful exhibitor bags, full of good things. If you have items you'd like to donate, contact Katie by email at [kvkitters@hotmail.com](mailto:kvkitters@hotmail.com) or 814/573-2784. We will have pins for exhibitors and workers. Jan Ruggles and Mary Grill have come up with a clever keepsake pin.

### Fundraisers

**Logowear:** We introduced our wonderful line of logowear at the 2023 National Specialty in Gettysburg and it nearly sold out! We have reordered. The order form appears on page 12 of this issue. Contact Kathy Black ([gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com](mailto:gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com) / 989-277-4597) with questions on logowear and inventory status.

**Note Cards.** We have wonderful notecards available for sale, featuring 2024 National Specialty logo by Gail Richardson. Dimensions are 5"x7". They come in packages of 5 or 10 cards. If interested, contact Kathy Black: ([gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com](mailto:gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com) / 989-277-4597)

**Trophy Donations:** The Committee will happily take your trophy donation at any time. Make the check (US Bank accounts only) or money order payable to "GSCA 2024 National Specialty". Please don't mail cash. Mail check/money order trophy donations to Mary Grill, 625 N Force, Attica MI 48412-9731. To pay by PayPal/credit card, contact Kathy Black, 2024 NS Treasurer, at [gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com](mailto:gsc2024nstreas@gmail.com) or 989-277-4597. Deadline for your donation to be listed in the catalog is August 1. We are exploring the option of donors requesting the donation of a specific win/placement trophy—watch for an update on this in the January/February 2024 issue of the *Gordon Setter News*.

**Silent Auction:** Mary Duerksen and Carol Lybarger will Chair the Silent Auction. Have an item or items you'd like to donate? Contact Mary at [heatherbrae@att.net](mailto:heatherbrae@att.net) or 248/924-4311.

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**Raffle:** Details on the raffle are in progress. We are fortunate to have two Gordon Setter lovers, Jan Ruggles and Candy Prince, handling this big job.

**Catalog Advertising:** Laura Bedford has kindly agreed to handle catalog advertising. Full page ads, only. **Rates** are Color: \$95, Black & White: \$60. Additional photos for any ad \$10/photo. Please no more than 2 or 3 photos per page, maximum. For more details on specifications, acceptable formats, and how to win the chance for placing your ad inside the back cover (for a price of \$125), contact Laura at [designbyhalcyon@gmail.com](mailto:designbyhalcyon@gmail.com) or 860-836-9468. Deadline for ad copy to Laura is August 1. Need help designing your ad(s)? Laura is a wonderful resource and always willing to help.

**Vendors:** Sarah Armstrong is in charge of vendors. Want to have a table/booth at the show? Contact Sarah at 419/450-7776 or [Gilnockiegordons@yahoo.com](mailto:Gilnockiegordons@yahoo.com)

**Updates?** We expect to bring you updated information in every issue of the NEWS between now and the July/August 2024 issue and, with 'breaking news,' we'll ask the Website team to send out a 'blast.'

**Are we missing something?** Is there something you would like to know sooner than later? If so drop me an email ([Wyttsend2@gmail.com](mailto:Wyttsend2@gmail.com)) or call me 517-592-5929 (Eastern time) and we'll do our best to find the answer(s) for you.

—Dianne Avery (MI), '24 National Publicity Chair



## 2023 Archives Presentation Will Be Brought To You Via The Newsletter

The original plan for the Archives presentation at the 2023 National Specialty in Gettysburg was to focus on Gordon Setter activities in the Mid-Atlantic region (Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland). Though New Jersey and New York are often categorized as part of this area, we focused on the states currently covered by the GSCA Mid-Atlantic regional event committee. Many of the Gordon Setter activities dating back to GSCA's earliest days (2024 is GSCA's 100th birthday), took place in this area.

The original plan was to do a PowerPoint presentation at the National Specialty with photos. The whole GSCA Archives Committee works on these presentations but the 'final product' is usually pulled together by Nance Skoglund and me. As the time to finalize the presentation approached, it became clear Beni and I would be unable to attend the 2023 National and it looked like Nance would also not be in attendance.

We reached out to the 2023 National Committee and explained our dilemma and asked for permission to do the planned presentation via the newsletter in 2024. They kindly agreed. As it turned out, Nance was able to attend but we felt we could reach a bigger audience by publishing the presentation in the newsletter so that's the course of action we will take.

The presentation will consist of a series of articles, with photos and will run in issues at newsletter editor Susan Drum's discretion. We have lots of material from later years but could still use actual photos from the earliest years (1920-1970). If you have good quality photos of events in the Mid-Atlantic area, we will be grateful if you can mail them (they will be returned) to me at PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824 or scan and email to [Wyttsend2@gmail.com](mailto:Wyttsend2@gmail.com) Thanks!

If all goes well, the 2024 presentation will be live in the fall of 2024 in Marshall, Michigan at the National Specialty and the theme will be '100 Years of Beauty, Brains & Birdsense.'

—Dianne Avery (MI) Archives Chair



## Beauty, Brains & Birdsense 2023 Annual Awards Qualifying Titles

Since the BBB annual award is no longer automatic, we want to remind GSCA members of the 2023 qualifying titles so that all Gordons eligible for this prestigious award are recognized. The owner must be a GSCA member in good standing as of December 31, 2023 and must apply for this award and provide the Annual Awards Chair with the three qualifying titles and the dates on which each was earned (Motion 2022-69). Qualifying titles can be earned in any year, as long as the third qualifying title was earned in the 2023 awards year.

- The designation "Owner-Handled" will be added to the engraved plate on the marble paperweight award if the owner handled the Gordon for all points in the conformation Championship title ("Beauty"), all qualifying legs in the "Brains" qualifying title, and all qualifying legs in the "Birdsense" qualifying title. Handler must be listed as owner or co-owner on the AKC ownership registration PRIOR to achieving the titles.
- Rally Advanced (RA) or higher has been added to the list of qualifying titles for the "Brains" portion of the award** (Motions 2022-14/2022-62). The rationale for this change is that more difficult exercises were added to RE—some of which are included in Open and Utility obedience.
- No virtually earned AKC titles will qualify for this or any other GSCA award.**
- Scent Work Advanced (SWA) has been added to the list of qualifying titles for the "brains" portion of the BBB annual award.** Scent Work Advanced is a replacement title and achieved only after earning all of the following four titles: Scent Work Interior Advanced (SIA), Scent Work Exterior Advanced (SEA), Scent Work Container Advanced (SCA), and Scent Work Buried Advanced (SBA) (Motions 2022-27/2022-67).
- Following are the titles that qualify for the BBB award for the 2023 annual awards year (additions to the previous list are bolded):

**BEAUTY:** Bench Championship (CH).

**BRAINS:** Companion Dog (CD), Rally Advanced (RA) (previously, the higher title of Rally Excellent was required), Tracking Dog (TD), Novice Agility (NA), Open Agility Preferred (OAP), Scent Work Advanced (SWA).

**BIRDSENSE:** GSCA Working Dog (WD), GSCA Working Dog Retrieve (WDR), Junior Hunter (JH), Senior Hunter (SH)\*, Master Hunter (MH)\*, Field Champion (FC), Amateur Field Champion (AFC), National Field Champion (NFC), National Amateur Field Champion (NAFC), National Walking Gun Dog Champion (NWGDC).

*\*Dogs may earn a SH or MH title without achieving the JH first.*

The requirement information for eligible Gordons as outlined above must be emailed or mailed to:

Bill Dargay ([Wdargay@aol.com](mailto:Wdargay@aol.com)) or

1353 Oak Glen Ct. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422-8190

Questions? Email or call 910-754-9641

**The deadline for applications is March 1, 2023**

—Bill Dargay, Chairman, GSCA Annual Awards

## 2024 National Specialty Logo-Wear Order/Payment Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of the GSCA? Yes ☐ No ☐

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: ☐ Same as shipping ☐ Billing address below:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment: Total due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cash ☐ Check (payable to GSCA 2024 National Specialty) CVC \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Committee use only:** Date shipped: \_\_\_\_\_ Tracking #: \_\_\_\_\_ Via: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Note: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description	Color	Sizes XS-XL; Caps – One Size			XXL Sizes			Total (each line)
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L Sleeve T Shirt	Blue		30.00			35.00		
L Sleeve T Shirt	Orange		30.00			35.00		
L Sleeve T Shirt	Grey		30.00			35.00		
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Blue		35.00			40.00		
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Sand		35.00			40.00		
Crew Neck Sweatshirt	Grey		35.00			40.00		
Hoodie –full zip	Blue		45.00			50.00		
Hoodie – full zip	Orange		45.00			50.00		
Hoodie – full zip	Grey		45.00			50.00		
Sweatshirt – ¼ zip	Heather		45.00			50.00		
Sweatshirt – ¼ zip	Grey		45.00			50.00		
LS Denim Shirt	Denim		55.00			60.00		
Rain Coat	Grey		75.00			80.00		
Rain Coat	Blue		75.00			80.00		
Baseball Cap	Blue		20.00			NA		
Baseball Cap	Sand		20.00			NA		
Baseball Cap	Orange		20.00			NA		
Centennial Note Cards minimum order 5 cards	10 or less		2.75 ea			NA		
Each additional card	11-24		2.50 ea			NA		
	25 +		2.45 ea			NA		
SUBTOTAL								
*** POSTAGE DONATION								
TOTAL								

\*\*\* Due to the variances in calculating postage, we are asking for postage donations.

Recommended donations – If your order is

\$35 or less \$5 donation

\$35 and up \$10 donation

All items must be prepaid – No Refunds – Exchange only

### SALES TAX NOTE

PURCHASERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SALES TAX DUE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE.

CONSULT YOUR STATE'S SALES TAX REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING ONLINE OR MAIL ORDER PURCHASES

SHIPPING IS TAXABLE IN MOST STATES

Michigan Residents – 6% sales tax included in your total purchase



Email completed forms to Kathy Black, [gsc2024ntreas@gmail.com](mailto:gsc2024ntreas@gmail.com) or mail to 8503 N Warren Rd., Elsie, MI 48831

To request pictures of the merchandise in color, email Kathy or call her at 989-277-4597

If you would like a copy of this form emailed to you, please contact News editor Sue Drum ([settereditor@austin.rr.com](mailto:settereditor@austin.rr.com))



## Check Your Listing in the New Membership Directory

For those members who get a paper newsletter, your 2023-24 Membership Directory was mailed with your October/November 2023 newsletter. Please take a minute to make sure your listing in the Directory is accurate and up to date. If it is not, please notify me by email ([Wyttsend2@gmail.com](mailto:Wyttsend2@gmail.com)) or US mail to PO Box 824, Brooklyn MI 49230-0824 and I'll make the necessary changes/corrections in the Club database. Members who get ONLY the digital edition of the newsletter had the Directory sent to them via email the week of December 24, 2023. —Dianne Avery, GSCA Membership Committee

# Buy It Now Catalog, Volume 3 Coming To You In January 2024

When we started a new kind of fundraiser for our Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund at the AKC's Canine Health Foundation back in 2014, it was called the Black & Tan Tuesday Auction. We later renamed the 'Buy It Now' sale and switched from an auction to a straight out 'best offer' sale. The pattern of these sales has always been: announce the auction/sale items in late summer/early fall issues of the *Gordon Setter News* and issue a catalog with prices and photos; take bids/offers through the end of December, and end the sale with the final payments received in late December and early January. However, this year, we have been incredibly fortunate to have more donations than ever and wonderful things are still coming in as I write this in early December 2023.

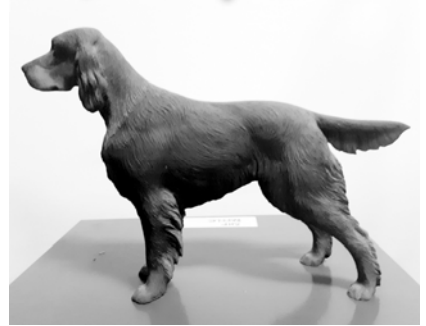
There were two options that we could see. Cut off the sale at the usual time and offer anything left over at the following year's sale, or extend the current year's sale into the spring of 2024. Beni and I have a huge basement in our current house—my niece, upon seeing it for the first time, said, "You could set up a bowling alley here!" That huge basement is overflowing with goodies for this year's sale that have not yet found a home (and some have yet to be advertised). While I love having these wonderful items to look at, it just doesn't make sense to hold them until next fall, if some of them can find new homes in the next couple of months. So, we are publishing Volume 3 of the catalog and it will go out in late January 2024. Closing date for the 2023 sale will be April 1, 2024—after that, anything not yet sold will be held over for the 2024 sale.

We will only send the Volume 3 catalog if you have either already purchased a 2023 Buy It Now item, expressed an interest in an item someone else 'won,' or asked for updates. If you want a Volume 3 catalog and have not already requested it, please let me know at [Wyttsend2@gmail.com](mailto:Wyttsend2@gmail.com) (preferred) or 517/592-5929 between 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Individuals with email will receive the digital edition of the new catalog with photos of the items in color. Folks without internet access can request a paper catalog (photos of sale items will be black and white). Unlike the Volume Two catalog, which listed both available items and items sold, the Volume 3 catalog will only show items that are available at the time the catalog is released.

Purchasers need not be GSCA members, so feel free to share the catalog with friends who may not belong to GSCA. Payment for the item(s) is by check, money order or any of the 'usual' credit cards. Postage must be paid by check or money order. Complete payment/shipping details will be sent upon receiving your orders. Thank you for supporting good health for Gordon Setters with your purchases and for making these fundraisers possible with your generous donations of wonderful items!

—Dianne Avery (MI) for the GSCA H&GC Fundraising subcommittee  
[Gordon Chambers (OH), Beni Levi (MI), Colleen O'Brien (PA) & Nance Skoglund (MN)]



Colorful tile with Gordon Setter studying; see back cover for tile in color



Decorative pillow



Gordon Setter Puppies print  
"Passing Through."

View in color on back cover.



Laurelwood plate  
with Irish &  
Gordon setters



Pastel prints—view in color on back cover

# AKC/CHF Gordon Setter DAF Report



For the period November 15-December 15, we received **\$2844.00** in new cash donations, as well as more wonderful items for our upcoming fall fundraiser, the 2023 Buy It Now sale. Cash donations year to date total **\$14,359.00**. We are so close to our \$15,000 goal for 2023 and the current total does not reflect our 2023 year-end total as the deadline to submit this column was December 15. Donations will continue to come in between now and December 31 and we'll report the final 2023 cash donation figure in the January/February 2024 issue of the *NEWS*. Thanks to these most recent donors:

## 2023 Buy It Now Sales

### Sale of Items Sold at 2023 National Specialty

*The items were donated by former member Kathy Pellerito, and member Gail Deller kindly agreed to sell them and, per Kathy's wishes, the proceeds were earmarked for our DAF*

### Patricia Lovett-Churchill & Steve Churchill

*Supporting good health for Gordon Setters*

### Chris & Connie Rhoden

*In memory of Marte Wetzel*

### Connie Rhoden

*Thanks to all who bought sweatshirts at the 2023 National.*

*Connie donated more than 2/3 of the proceeds of the sales to our Donor Advised Fund at AKC CHF*

### Steve & Jenny Gibson

*In memory of our friend Marte Wetzel.*

*Condolences to her husband Frank Wetzel*

### James Weinstein

*Supporting good health for Gordon Setters*

### Clyde & Betsy Sippel

*In memory of Marte Wetzel*

### Karen Kennedy & Madison Henderson

*In memory of Marte Wetzel*

### Dianne Avery & Beni Levi

*In memory of Marte Wetzel.*

*She loved Gordons and their people.*

*Her laugh was infectious.*

*Our condolences to her husband Frank*

### Judy Alderson

*Thanks to all the Gordon Setter breeders who are continuing to promote the health & function of our lovely breed*

### M. E. Papin

*Items for the 2023 Buy It Now Sale*

### Claus Metzner & Janice McMillen

*Supporting good health for Gordon Setters*

### Anne Smith

*Additional donations to the Buy It Now Sale*

### Susan Drum

*Cover Dog Enlargement Prints*

## Billy & Mary Ann Leonard

*With thanks to Dr. Lauren Krupsky for caring for our sweet kitty 'Dooley'*

## Dianne Avery & Beni Levi

*In memory of 'Dooley,' a special cat, owned & loved by Mary Ann & Billy Leonard*

## Colleen O'Brien

*In memory of Fair Isle No Bugs On Me 'Hamish'*

*March 13, 2012-November 4, 2023*

*Hamish was loved by*

*Mark McCracken & Michele Van Summern and*

*In memory of Hamish's litter brother,*

*Fair Isle No Questions "Duncan"*

*March 13, 2012-November 18, 2023*

*Duncan lived his best life with Shep & Georgina Miller*

*I can't thank the McCracken/Van Summern and Miller families enough for giving these boys the most wonderful of lives. It's all I ever hope for as a breeder.*

## Nancy Auhel

*More donations for the 2023 Buy It Now Sale*

## Anonymous

*To honor the 2023 Dual Champion and Champion Master Hunter Gordon Setters*

We are only a few dollars away from our 2023 goal and I'm confident we will reach it once the additional donations coming in between December 16 and 31 are counted. And, as you will read elsewhere in this issue, we have had so many wonderful donations to the 2023 'Buy It Now' sale, we are continuing the sale into 2024. We have not yet set our 2024 fundraising goal—we'll announce that in the January/February 2024 issue of the *NEWS*—but cash donations and monies from sale of the Buy It Now sale, received after December 31, will be 'booked' for our 2024 fundraising goal.

Questions about donating? Contact Dianne by email at [wyttsend2@gmail.com](mailto:wyttsend2@gmail.com) or call her at 517-592-5929 (Eastern Time Zone). Thank you to for your continuing generosity.

—Dianne Avery, Gordon Chambers & Colleen O'Brien  
Health & Genetics Fundraising Subcommittee

## Corrections to some National Specialty photo captions published in the Oct/Nov 2023 News

It was brought to my attention that there were a few errors in the candid photo identifications that appeared in the National Specialty section of the Oct/Nov 2023 News. My apologies for the following:

1) Page 18: The oldest veteran at the Specialty (pictured below), GCHG Timbaray N Sastya's Outlaw CD RN JH CGC TKN (*Jesse*), was bred by Barb Meining, DVM, *Timbaray*, and is owned by Pat Boldt (NC), *Dublin Meadows*, Mary Ann Leonard (MI), *Sastya*, and Barb Meining, DVM (MI).

2) Page 28: Handler Danielle Fryken is shown with Gail Godding's girl *Story* (not *Storm*) in the BOB ring.

3) Page 29: Denise Clauser's name was misspelled.

—Susan Drum, Editor



Barb Meining, DVM

# GSCA Financials, September 30, 2023

## GSCA Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2023

ASSETS	TOTAL
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Cash in Banks	
10100 General Account	61,889.05
10101 GSCA CD account	5,000.00
10120 National Standing Specialty Account	10,239.55
10150 Promotional Materials Account	2,924.99
10160 Badgerland Account	3,187.63
Total 10100 General Account	83,241.22
10110 National Field Trial Account	9,522.67
10130 National Rescue Bank Account	13,898.11
10140 Rosie Rescue Bank Account	4,606.22
Total 10130 National Rescue Bank Account	18,504.33
10170 Standing National Agility Account	8,055.46
10180 Archives Bank Account	3,935.78
10190 Wells Fargo Savings Account	46,133.87
10223 2023 National Specialty Account	16,747.02
10224 2024 National Specialty	3,539.72
10400 NWFT Bank Account	8,980.60
10510 Gordon Highlanders Rescue Account	5,441.09
10520 Greater Atlanta Bank Account	3,939.94
10530 Mid-Atlantic Bank Account	11,463.83
10540 Midwest Bank Account	33,063.74
10550 High Plains Bank Account	19,859.09
10570 Missouri Valley Bank Account	1,907.66
10600 Missouri Valley Savings Account	9,654.16
10610 New Mexico Gordonites Bank Account	8,139.37
10630 SoCal GS Fanciers Account	2,982.08
10640 Sunbelt Bank Account	4,391.00
10650 Winter Garden Specialties Account	2,497.08
10660 Greater Atlanta Rescue Account	1,853.13
Total 10000 Cash in Banks	303,852.84
Total Bank Accounts	\$303,852.84
Total Current Assets	\$303,852.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$303,852.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	1,185.04
32000 Retained Earnings	269,952.25
Net Income	32,715.55
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$303,852.84</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$303,852.84</b>

## Profit & Loss July 1, 2023 — September 30, 2023

Income	TOTAL
40100 Program Service Income	
40110 Event Income	27,690.81
40130 Health Clinics	30,330.00
40140 Publication Income	55.00
40150 Rescue Donations	1,650.00
<b>Total 40100 Program Service Income</b>	<b>59,725.81</b>
44800 Membership income	
44810 Dues Income - Renewals	23,224.00
44820 Dues Income - New Members	658.00
44860 Donations	1,000.00
<b>Total 44800 Membership income</b>	<b>24,882.00</b>
45000 Investments	
45030 Interest Income	26.70
<b>Total 45000 Investments</b>	<b>26.70</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$84,634.51</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$84,634.51</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
50100 Program Expenses	
50110 Event Expenses	17,908.28
50130 Health Clinic Expenses	24,571.84
50140 Publications Expense	3,133.80
50150 Rescue Expense	2,341.31
50200 Outside Contributions	1,300.00
<b>Total 50100 Program Expenses</b>	<b>49,255.23</b>

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## Expenses, continued

60100 Membership Benefit Expenses	
60105 Membership Dues Expenses	132.00
60130 Awards Expenses	1,720.59
<b>Total 60100 Membership Benefit Expenses</b>	<b>1,852.59</b>
70000 Operation Expenses	
70110 Bank Charges & Credit Card Discounts	469.14
70120 Office Supplies/Expenses/Quickbooks	265.00
70200 Contract Services	
70220 Accounting Fees	75.00
<b>Total 70200 Contract Services</b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b>Total 70000 Operation Expenses</b>	<b>809.14</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$51,916.96</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$32,717.55</b>
Other Expenses	
80001 Reconciliation Differences	2.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -2.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$32,715.55</b>

—Mollie Williams, Treasurer

## Digital Copies of The Gordon Setter Reviews Are Now Available

While there are still hardbound copies of the *Gordon Setter Review* series published in the late 1980s through 2010 available for sale, we are soon going to be able to offer a digital version of several in the series, with more to come. Proceeds from the sale of the hardbound copies go to our Donor Advised Fund at AKC's Canine Health Foundation; proceeds from the sale of the digitized volumes will benefit Gordon Setter Archives. The price for the digital version is \$40 per volume and includes the book on a flash drive and the cost to mail the flash drive, with the balance going to Archives. Digital copies of these books in the series will soon be available: 1996-2000; 2001-2005 & 2006-2010.

These three volumes will be available for sale on or before February 1, 2024. As with the printed copies, these are copyrighted, and material from them may only be reproduced with permission from GSCA. Payment may be made by check (US bank) or US money order only. Make the payment to GSCA Archives and mail it to me at PO Box 824, Brooklyn, MI 49230-0824. Your payment will not be deposited until you confirm receipt of the book(s). If you order multiple volumes, we will put them on a single flash drive if it will hold all the files. The Archives Committee hopes you'll enjoy this new way to enjoy the history of our breed.

—Dianne Avery for the GSCA Archives Committee

## Legislative News ►►►►►►►►

**CA:** The Bakersfield Council just voted in ridiculous dog regulations (these are so bad even HSUSA doesn't advocate for them) that include requiring anyone having more than 3 dogs to buy a "breeder permit," stand for kennel inspections, neuter any animal 6+ months or older or buy an expensive permit and require anyone having a litter also buy a breeder permit. Read more about it here: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-update-bakersfield-adopts-breeder-ownership-licensing-inspections/>

**GA:** Owner/breeders in Forsyth County need to be aware that the county is considering piling on to the already overdone Georgia state laws regarding the definition of who and who isn't a breeder. In this case, anyone who EVER breeds and sells more than 2 animals has, by definition, become a commercial breeder and subject to a host of regulations and costs. Now you know what to do.

**NH:** HSUSA strikes again. This time on a new tack which involves pushing for legislation that would ban the breeding, owning or selling of any breeds that fall under the "description"



of brachycephalic dogs... you know, those having short noses? To demonstrate the depths of the lunacy and extent that HSUSA will go, they now classify the propagation of these species as a "birth deformity" and, thus, "Animal Abuse." Breeds such as Bulldogs, which have thrived and survived for centuries, are now somehow an abused set of victims. Trust me, it's just a tactic toward the banning of private pet ownership, but they'll take it one group of breeds at a time if that is what's required to accomplish their goal. The AKC and, I'm sure, the local NH dog clubs will be all over this, but even if your breed isn't a "victim," you need to get on the horn to the electeds who are behind proposed HB1102 and remind them that they have utterly no idea what they're talking about and to drop this ridiculous idea. <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/nh-alert-2024-bill-describes-brachy-breeds-birth-deformity-criminalizes-sale-breeding/>

**NJ:** All NJ owner/breeders should be aware that HSUSA has invaded more than 140 towns in NJ to further their real aim, which is to eventually ban the ownership of animals. In addition to their usual attempts to ban the sale of pets at retail pet stores, there is SB182 which incredibly expands the definition of who is a "groomer," which could easily, as written, include blowing out your dog at a show, and require anyone who does so to be licensed... and no, these ain't free. Geez, even the NJ State Board of Veterinarians has stated they have no interest in enforcing this proposed law. To read more about this and the pet store issue, visit <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/new-jersey-alert-committee-discuss-groomers-pet-stores-legislation-next-week/> and contact the sponsor of these two bills and suggest politely that he use his time more wisely: State Senator Brian P. Stack – Primary Sponsor of both S.182 and S.4079 Phone: (201) 721-5263; email: [senstack@njleg.org](mailto:senstack@njleg.org)

**NM:** The insanity has reached the hamlet of Las Cruces. This burg already requires a \$150 permit to own an intact dog (which I fondly hope is challenged in the courts), and now to add insult to injury, the mayor, who is obviously being supported by the crazies of HSUSA, is floating a new idea...mandatory spay/neuter—these types of feel-good laws have been proven totally useless. There are no exemptions for legitimate breeders in this town either. So unless you're prepared to move, you might want to let the mayor know that he's found the wrong way forward.

**PA:** Owner/breeders in Pennsylvania are likely aware of all the changes your governor signed into law recently. The extent and detail of the changes are far too long to go into here. The good news is that no longer is it necessary to obtain a vet's health certificate to bring a dog into the state... entries in AKC events are exempted. Hmm, does anyone really think any exhibitor coming in for Pennsylvania events even knew about this useless law, much less complied with it? I know I didn't... and wouldn't. Have a look at what your elected betters have wrought: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/pennsylvania-update-governor-signs-updating-license-fees-dog-law-changes/>

**TX:** Although conformation breeders are supposedly exempt (what about Obedience, Agility and Field?), Texas owners need be aware that new licensing laws are going into effect 1 JANUARY 2024 that will require \$150 be paid in annual licensing fees for those having 5+ intact females. The gory details may be found here: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/tx-update-first-round-dog-breeder-regulations-adopted/> And if, after reading, anyone who can define exactly what problem these legislators think these laws will solve, please clue me.

A famous American lawyer by the name of Gideon Tucker aptly said nearly 140 years ago, "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session." Boy, I wonder what he'd think now.

—Chuck Kushell, Legislative Liaison

## Health & Genetics ► ► ►

### Monoclonal Antibodies— The New Frontier in Veterinary Medicine?

By Barb Meining, DVM

Human medicine has been using monoclonal antibody treatments for nearly 40 years and now has over 100 of these therapies in their arsenal available for people, including treatments for cancer and autoimmune disease.

Recently, veterinary medicine has developed similar treatments that have had a profound impact on our pets. Unlike pharmaceuticals that may place a strain on the liver or kidneys, monoclonal antibody products have very specific targets they attach to and essentially inactivate, which minimizes side effects.

Nearly two years ago, Solensia came out which is the first FDA approved product for long-term treatment of osteoarthritis in cats. It has been a game changer for our feline friends.

This October, Librela became available in the US for canine arthritis. It has been available in the European Union for a couple years with great results. We are already seeing amazing results with it (see story below).

Cytopoint binds to itch receptors thereby neutralizing itchiness in dogs. It has greatly helped many of our allergic dogs. The above products are given as monthly injections.

This summer we gained a new monoclonal antibody treatment for parvovirus. It is the first therapy to target the virus itself instead of just treating the symptoms. Without treatment, there is a very high mortality rate for puppies with parvovirus (over 90% do not survive). In a small study of 21 dogs with parvo that received this treatment, none died and their symptoms were less severe.

Companies are working to develop more treatments using this technology. So far, the results have been amazing.

#### My Story

We have a 14-year-old Lab that shares the house with the Gordons. He has copper storage disease which makes his liver very sensitive to NSAIDs. He also has nasty elbow arthritis. Although he is on joint supplements, in the morning I would have to beg him to go outside and he would slowly toddle to the door and out. He slept a lot and his appetite was waning. He received his first dose of Librela as soon as it became available. At about day 3 post injection, he trotted outdoors. TROTTED! On day 5, he found a tennis ball in the yard and played with it all day (hadn't done that in years). He's also eating better.

I tell clients all day long that our animals are masters at hiding signs of pain. This really hit home as I did not realize how much his slowing down was NOT age related. If you have an oldster around, talk to your veterinarian and ask whether Solensia (cat) or Librela (dog) might be a good option for them. ♦

#### Notes Relating to OFA Quarterly Reports

- In all OFA reports the breed code (GSE-) which is the initial part of the OFA number, is omitted.
- O/C in the column headings represents the database choice: **O = Open Database** (all results are published); **C = Closed (or Semi-Open) Database** (only normal results are published).
- Dogs tested in accordance with the parent club recommended protocol are assigned CHIC numbers. *CHIC is not about normalcy. It is about encouraging health screening in accordance with a parent club determined testing protocol, sharing test results, and increasing health awareness. Dogs do not need to necessarily test normal. Abnormal test results, as long as they are available in the public domain so others can benefit from the information, still qualify dogs for CHIC.*
- **CHIC** number column reflects only new ("N") CHIC numbers, or existing numbers with updated results, such as a new annual eye certification ("U").
- Identification: **PI = permanent identification** (microchip or tattoo); **VPI = Veterinarian verified permanent identification**; **NOPI = No permanent identification**.

— Brenda Hayward (MD), OFA Liaison  
Gordon Setter News

## OFA/CHIC DNA Repository – Second Quarter 2023

*\*Age in months at time of testing. Note: In OFA number: B = Blood Sample; S = Cheek Swab*

Registered Name	OFA ID	O/C	Registration #	Sex	Age*	Test Date	CHIC #
Dundee's Ranger's Apprentice	DNA-635/S	C	SS17810203	F	36	3/17/2023	
Fair Isle Love Me Do	DNA-636/S	C	SS04216007	M	62	3/27/2023	183733 (N)
Moonsetter Yours Truly	DNA-638/S	C	SS26771501	F	20	1/9/2023	184001 (N)
Triseter Celtic Yahtzee Of Brodruggan	DNA-637/S	C	SS12619101	F	50	3/27/2023	

## OFA/CHIC DNA Repository – Third Quarter 2023

Registered Name	OFA ID	O/C	Registration #	Sex	Age*	Test Date	CHIC #
Lyric & Emerald's I Know Where I'm Going	DNA-645/S	C	SS39596307	M	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's A Sense Of Freedom	DNA-647/S	C	SS39596305	M	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Autumn Never Dies	DNA-644/S	C	SS39596306	M	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Black Angel	DNA-646/S	C	SS39596309	F	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Brigadoon	DNA-640/S	C	SS39596304	F	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Dracarys The Dragonheart	DNA-643/S	C	SS39596301	M	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Highlander	DNA-641/S	C	SS39596303	M	1	3/27/2023	
Lyric's Wee Man Of Edgewater Inn	DNA-642/S	C	SS39596302	M	1	3/27/2023	
Shiloh's Brave The Snow	DNA-639/S	C	SS32233702	F	16	6/2/2023	
Shiloh's Bright Rising Star	DNA-648/S	C	SS37825101	F	7	6/2/2023	
Shiloh's High Moxie Star Storm	DNA-649/S	C	SS37825103	F	7	6/2/2023	

## OFA Eye Certifications – Second Quarter 2023

*\* Canadian Kennel Club/Note: OFA Eye Certifications are valid for one year from the exam date.*

Registered Name	OFA #	O/C	Registration #	Test Date	Report Date	CHIC #
Chaselyn Whisper In The Shadows	EYE402/27F-VPI	C	SS23390506	3/26/2023	4/6/2023	
Damon's Memorial Day Remembrance	EYE414/59F-VPI	C	SS05861102	4/30/2023	5/5/2023	
Dundee & Glen'Mor's Play It Again Sam@ Coventry Farm	EYE416/24M-VPI	C	SS26587504	6/09/2023	6/23/2023	
Gordon Hill Victory At Scimitar	EYE332/36M-VPI	O	SS18515906	5/21/2023	6/6/2023	
Harbinger's Highland Treasure	EYE415/60M-VPI	C	FG775014*	4/23/2023	5/15/2023	
Heatherbrae's Fascinating Rhythm 'n Blues	EYE363/30F-VPI	O	SS23144705	5/21/2023	5/24/2023	
Lady Ruby Rose Of Tail Feathers	EYE412/36F-VPI	C	SS17849104	4/10/2023	4/27/2023	
Lord Fergus Wallace Of Tail Feathers	EYE413/21M-VPI	C	SS28116304	4/10/2023	4/27/2023	
Lyric & Emerald's I Know Where I'm Going	EYE408/1M-NOPI	O	SS39596307	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's A Sense Of Freedom	EYE411/1M-NOPI	O	SS39596305	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Autumn Never Dies	EYE407/1M-NOPI	O	SS39596306	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Black Angel	EYE410/1F-NOPI	O	SS39596309	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Brigadoon	EYE403/1F-NOPI	O	SS39596304	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Dracarys The Dragonheart	EYE406/1M-PI	O	SS39596301	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Frozen En Pointe	EYE335/25F-VPI	O	SS24773603	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	181009 (U)
Lyric's Highlander	EYE404/1M-NOPI	O	SS39596303	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Scotch On The Rocks	EYE409/1M-NOPI	O	SS39596308	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Lyric's Wee Man Of Edgewater Inn	EYE405/1M-PI	O	SS39596302	3/30/2023	4/6/2023	
Sastya Bit O' Gold Babybel	EYE147/114F-VPI	C	SR80194902	5/21/2023	6/2/2023	
Sastya 'N Birch Run Breakfast Special	EYE369/26F-VPI	C	SS26035103	5/21/2023	6/2/2023	
Sastya 'N Krystal Firethorn	EYE352/23M-VPI	C	SS28537508	5/21/2023	6/2/2023	
Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer	EYE268/61F-VPI	C	SS05246501	5/21/2023	6/2/2023	150483 (U)
Sastya's Hallmark's Magic Mike	EYE269/61M-VPI	C	SS05246502	5/21/2023	6/2/2023	
Wyttsend Unmistakable	EYE70/122F-VPI	O	SR79172702	5/21/2023	6/6/2023	124538 (U)
Wyttsend Up The Ante	EYE71/122F-VPI	O	SR79172703	5/21/2023	6/6/2023	124537 (U)

## OFA Eye Certifications – Third Quarter 2023

Registered Name	OFA #	O/C	Registration #	Test Date	Report Date	CHIC #
Brentwood & Firethorn's Blue Bloods	EYE418/22M-VPI	C	SS30593202	7/17/2023	7/26/2023	
Gordon Hill Uprising At Cavanagh	EYE354/67F-VPI	C	SS03417010	8/4/2023	9/13/2023	170632 (U)
Harbinger's Just For The Record	EYE417/24M-VPI	O	SS33369801	7/11/2023	7/13/2023	
Karimar's Show Me The Money At Karrelene	EYE178/112M-VPI	O	SR81488701	5/21/2023	7/12/2023	
Karrelene's Ella Band Of Gold	EYE324/68F-VPI	O	SS01385906	5/21/2023	7/12/2023	

## OFA Results – PRA (rcd4 Progressive Retinal Atrophy) – Second Quarter 2023

*Note: Results other than "Clear/Normal" (if the Open Database was chosen) are indicated by adding one of the following at the end of the OFA number: CAR = Carrier; CAR-BP = Carrier by Progeny; BP = Clear/Normal by Parentage. No OFA number = Affected.*

Registered Name	OFA #	O/C	Registration #	CHIC #
Gaelic Flight of Fancy Bright Star	P4-658/35F-PI-CAR	O	SS09259803	
Relativity Revelation Rory	P4-659/39M-PI	O	SS17949004	
Wyld Destiny Bright Star	P4-657/35M-PI	C	SS09259801	
Wyld Heart's Desire Bright Star	P4-655/113F-PI-CAR	O	SR72147501	
Wyld Prospect Bright Star	P4-656/35F-PI	C	SS09259802	

### OFA Results – PRA (rcd4 Progressive Retinal Atrophy) – Third Quarter 2023

Registered Name	OFA #	O/C	Registration #	CHIC #
Dundee's Ranger's Apprentice	P4-661/36F-PI	C	SS17810203	
Harbinger's Just For The Record	P4-660/23M-PI	O	SS33369801	
Hope's Monarch	P4-666/3M-PI-CAR	O	NOREG2488175	
Shiloh's Brave The Snow	P4-662/16F-PI	C	SS32233702	
Shiloh's Bright Rising Star	P4-663/7F-PI	C	SS37825101	
Windcrest The Show Must Go On	P4-665/19F-PI-BP	C	SS35131702	

### OFA Results – Hips and/or Elbows – Second Quarter 2023

Notes: 1) N/A means that no report from that test was received during the quarter. It does not mean the test was not done, as results could have been abnormal and the Closed Database was selected, or it could have been done and reported in an earlier quarter. If the test was done during the quarter but results not received and/or not reported, they should be included in the next quarter's report (assuming results were normal or the Open Database was chosen). Published results for an individual animal may be viewed at the OFA website ([www.ofa.org](http://www.ofa.org)).

2) As of 1/1/22, OFA hip and elbow numbers include an additional suffix. The first suffix indicates the type of restraint used during radiography as follows: -P (physical restraint), -C (chemical restraint), -U (unknown). The second suffix indicates whether the dog is permanently identified as follows: -NOPI (no permanent id), -PI (permanent id information supplied but not vet verified), -VPI (vet verified permanent id).

Registered Name	OFA # - Hips	OFA # - Elbows	O/C	Registration #	CHIC #
Ares Samarkan One Believe Can Fly	Mild Unilateral Left	N/A	O	IS3156521	
Belmor's Royal Bones	5708G24M-C-VPI	EL1214M24-C-VPI	C	SS29231403	
Bravo's (RNLN) Schip In De Haven	5696G44F-C-VPI	EL1204F44-C-VPI	O	SS12701709	
Breacan She's Like The Wynd	5706G24F-P-VPI	EL1213F24-P-VPI	C	SS28148401	
Dave Whispers In The Beating of Wings	5697G45F-C-VPI	N/A	O	SS13136208	
Dundee & Glen'Mor's Play It Again Sam@Coventry Farm	5707F24M-P-VPI	N/A	C	SS26587504	
Gaflara Uglia	Mild Unilateral Left	N/A	O	IS2559519	
Gordon Glen Whistler's Loch Ness	N/A	EL1209F24-C-NOPI	C	SS28048302	
Gordy Watson	5700E24M-P-VPI	EL1207M24-P-VPI	C	SS25652403	
Martini and Gaewynd's Written In The Stars	5698G25F-P-VPI	EL1205F25-P-VPI	C	SS26713002	
Meadoridge Spellbound Pegasus Of The Night	5702G49F-C-VPI	EL1208F49-C-VPI	C	SS12140210	
Moonsetter Yours Truly	5699E24F-P-VPI	EL1206F24-P-VPI	C	SS26771501	184001 (N)
Pointsetter Tri-Sett Ready 2 Rock	5704G27F-P-VPI	EL1211F27-P-VPI	C	SS24950601	
Pointsetter Tri-Sett Ringside Rumor	5705G27F-P-VPI	EL1212F27-P-VPI	C	SS24950602	
Tallgrass Rockstar	5709E27F-C-VPI	EL1216F27-C-VPI	C	SS25474601	
Tamdhu Miliko Thundering Down the Home Stretch	5701G24M-C-VPI	N/A	C	SS27048202	
Valley View's Angus of Rannoch	5703G88M-C-NOPI	EL1210M88-C-NOPI	C	SR91764905	
Yeager Black Lofty	N/A	EL1215M25-C-VPI	O	SS34954001	

### OFA Results – Hips and/or Elbows – Third Quarter 2023

Registered Name	OFA # - Hips	OFA # - Elbows	O/C	Registration #	CHIC #
Blackjack Wallace Chedder	5731G50M-C-VPI	EL1229M50-C-VPI	C	SS12902406	
Blossom Impressive Cruise Money	N/A	EL1219M27-C-VPI	C	SS31995301	
Chaselyn Midnight In The Shadows	5723G30M-C-VPI	N/A	O	SS23390502	
Chaselyn Sunshine In The Shadows	5721G30F-C-VPI	EL1225F30-C-VPI	O	SS23390504	
Clearcut Rooo Roo Gimme Three Steps	5736G26M-C-VPI	EL1234M26-C-VPI	C	SS28099901	
Dreamcatcher Thank You For Being A Friend	5725G41F-U-PI	N/A	C	SS16446803	
Dreamcatcher's Champagne And Sunshine	5727G29F-U-PI	EL1227F29-U-PI	C	SS24270701	
Dreamcatcher's Gin Fizz By Spinsetters	5711G29M-P-VPI	EL1218M29-P-VPI	C	SS24270703	
Dreamcatcher's Straight Up Bourbon	5726G29M-U-PI	N/A	C	SS24270702	
Dreamcatcher's Thank God I'm A Country Boy	5712F42M-P-VPI	EL1220M42-P-VPI	C	SS16446811	
Echoglen Amberlove Uncut Purple Gem	5728G43F-U-PI	N/A	C	SS15355602	
Fenwyck's Vogue	5730G29F-C-VPI	EL1228F29-C-VPI	C	SS25873802	
Gilnockie & Glenmar' Legend Has It	5738E25F-C-VPI	N/A	C	SS27667802	
Gilnockie's the It Factor	5717E24M-P-VPI	EL1221M24-P-VPI	C	SS27667801	
Glen 'Mor's Will-O'-The-Wisp	5714G29F-P-VPI	N/A	C	SS24218301	
Harbinger's Jewel In The Crowne	5715G24F-P-VPI	N/A	C	JL4097698	
Harbinger's Just For The Record	5713G24M-P-VPI	N/A	C	SS33369801	
Hotchkiss Spinsetter Alpine Fireweed	5722F24M-C-VPI	EL1226M24-C-VPI	C	SS28449508	
Hotchkiss Spinsetter Bellflower	5732G24F-C-VPI	EL1230F24-C-VPI	C	SS28449501	
Lady Ruby Rose Of Tail Feathers	5718G39F-C-VPI	EL1222F39-C-VPI	O	SS17849104	
Lord Fergus Wallace Of Tail Feathers	5719G24M-C-VPI	EL1223M24-C-VPI	O	SS28116304	
Madory & Glenmarr Celebrating Miracles	5720G37F-U-VPI	EL1224F37-U-VPI	C	SS18728104	
Munroc Crusader	5737E36M-P-VPI	N/A	C	SS20748001	
Munroc Lybster's Legacy	5729G26F-P-VPI	N/A	C	SS27708501	
Noah's Ark Faidhiche Chuil Lodair	5724G26F-P-VPI	DJD I	O	SS26336201	
Passionate Two Faces Aes Samarkan	Mild UR	N/A	O	IS3489023	
Sastya N' Krystal Firethorn	5735G26M-C-VPI	EL1233M26-C-VPI	C	SS28537508	



## OFA Results – Hips and/or Elbows – Third Quarter 2023, Continued

Shiloh's First Snow at Windcrest	Prelim-Excellent	Prelim-DJD I UR	O	SS32233704	
Tamdhu Winnning Colors	5710G25F-C-VPI	EL1217F25-C-VPI	C	SS27048201	
Trillium Hill's Sweet Adeline	5734G28F-P-VPI	EL1232F28-P-VPI	O	SS25693804	
Winteridge N Sunrunners Earth Angel	5733G26F-P-VPI	EL1231F26-P-VPI	C	SS26886007	
Yeager Black Lofty	5716F26M-C-VPI	N/A	C	SS34954001	

Brenda Hayward (MD), OFA Liaison

### Feature ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶

#### GSCA Member Barbara Burns Reflects on South Korean Judging Assignment

In August of this year, I was stunned to get a message on Facebook for an invitation to judge in South Korea at the end of October. I called my husband, since I was at the International Dog Show in Chicago and he wasn't, to tell him about it. He could tell I was excited and I could tell he wasn't. When I got home from the shows, I didn't bring it up right away. To my surprise, he did the next day and said, "OK, tell me about this South Korea Show." I explained that I would be judging all breeds—this was an AKC system they use and all my expenses would be paid. After some discussion, he said, "Ok, I'll go." I was very relieved because I certainly did not want to experience this opportunity without him. So we started making plans and I had to wait to get a formal invitation from the Korean Kennel Club, which I received a few days later. I contacted Kyle Robinson, a travel agent with Jack Onofrio Travels, and she found us tickets reasonably priced.

As time went on, I had many questions and pursued answers with many other AKC judges who had judged in South Korea. They all said it was safe to go and that organizers of the show would take very good care of us. That was an understatement. I was instructed to fly into Incheon with an arrival date of October 27, tour on the 28<sup>th</sup>, judge on the 29<sup>th</sup> and fly home on October 30<sup>th</sup>! It was a 14 hour flight from Minnesota. Thank goodness for movies.

When we got to Incheon, we had to go through Customs which went smoothly. We found our ride to the hotel and found the normal ½ hour drive to be over an hour. The traffic was very heavy with 4 lanes of traffic in each direction and all lanes were busy. It was a beautiful drive, though, with the city all lit up. Our driver could not speak much English but we managed to communicate quite well. After we checked into the hotel, our driver took us to one of the local restaurants and we had a fabulous dinner. On the way to the hotel, our interpreter called and said he would meet us the next morning and take us to see some of the sites of Korea. We were instructed by hotel staff that we must take our shoes off at the door and there would be slippers we could use upon entering the room. The room was all hi-tech, which was a challenge. That's why my husband came. He figured everything out!



Judge Barbara Burns center. From the left, Best In Show Baby Puppy, Golden Retriever, Reserve Best In Show Baby Puppy, Pomeranian, and (2<sup>nd</sup>) Reserve Best In Show Baby Puppy, Coton De La Ture

We met Chris (aka Young Jong Jin), our tour guide and interpreter, and started our excursion into Seoul, Korea. Our first stop was the Seoul Sky, a building that took us up 120 floors to see the surrounding sites of Korea. On that day there was a bit of what I thought was fog, but was really smoke coming from China due to the burning that is done there and it filters into the Korean sky. Very much like when the fires in Canada were pushed into the US by the winds.

The buildings are very tall, close together and are almost all apartments that are either rented or purchased. They range from 800–950 square feet, so are quite small living quarters. Because they are small, most dogs shown in Korea are small, i.e., Poodles, Pomeranians, Bichon Frises, Dachshunds, Chihuahuas, etc.

Because Korean people eat out a lot, due to kitchens being very small, there are many, many restaurants from which to choose. After the Sky trip, we went to lunch and had another awesome meal. I saw a robot come from the kitchen with food on the tray and move to a table where a waitress was waiting to serve the customers, and when the tray was empty, the robot went back into the kitchen. We were told that restaurants are getting more of them to help with the staff shortage that seems to be an issue there, too.

After lunch we went to a Buddhist monastery and watched as prayers were being performed for mothers praying for their sons to get into good schools. Education is extremely important to the Korean culture because of the hi-tech industry there. The flowers at this monastery were beautiful in vibrant colors. We spent a good deal of time there. It was a unique place to be.

After we left the monastery, Chris took us to one of their shopping malls so I (not my husband) could shop, which I did with a



vengeance. I picked up some wonderful Christmas gifts for the family.

On the way back to the hotel we had another wonderful meal. I must say, the food throughout the trip was wonderful. The breakfast at the hotel was like no other breakfast I've had. Lots of wonderful fruits, salads, eggs, sausage and, as always, rice on the buffet table—food that is the staple of the Korean culture.

The next day, Chris picked us up to take us to the dog shows, which were indoors. Because the weather was so beautiful, mid 70s every day we were there, all the doors were open. What I found interesting when I got there was finding several people in each ring, practicing with their dogs, which is a big “no-no” in the States. They kept practicing right up until the judging started.

There were two shows (in two separate rings) on the same day. All classes in the first show were judged by Mr. Shin and I judged all classes in the second show. Judge Shin was from China and did not speak much English but we made out just fine. He was very charming.

In each class, only 3 placements are given out, regardless of how many dogs are in the ring. The steward marked the book, probably because it was written in Korean, and handed me the ribbons to distribute to the exhibitors. I did lots of bowing and so did the exhibitors. A very respectable gesture.

I found the dogs to be very impressive, especially in their structure. I had many great examples of good breed type, structure and quality in almost all exhibits. Entries in some classes were a challenge because of the consistent good quality—which I really like seeing. I was totally impressed with what I had before me. After all the groups were done, we had lunch, which was the only American meal (Burger King) we had, and then we returned to do Best in Show. Mr. Shin, from China did all his Bests first.

When I entered the ring to start judging, the “Baby Puppies” were in the ring. I was concentrating on my exhibits and felt someone tap me on the shoulder. When I turned around, everyone was applauding me. I was surprised and it was such a nice reception. In the Baby Puppy class I had to give out two Reserve Bests in Show and one Best in Show, which went to a wonderful Golden puppy—a very balanced, nice-moving dog.

Then we had Best in Show Junior (this applies to the age of the dog and is not to be confused with our Junior Showmanship, which is not offered at these shows), where one Reserve Best in Show Junior and one Best in Show Junior were awarded. The BIS in this group went to the Havanese pictured to the right.

The final Best in Show entry was a very impressive group of dogs. They all were worthy of the award. My Reserve BIS was a very nice moving Shetland Sheepdog and Best in Show was a Coton de Tulear.

Everyone was so wonderful to both me and my husband. After all pictures were done, we went up to the offices of the Korean



Best in Show Puppy, Bichon Frisé;  
Judge Shin from China stands on the right.



Reserve BIS Shetland Sheepdog & Best in Show Coton de Tulear

got to the airport by 6:30 and made our way to our flight. We got back to Chicago the next day feeling tired but with some wonderful memories we will have for the rest of our lives. Our guide/interpreter Chris has become one of our very good friends. We had so much fun with him and he was a prankster. Chris said I would be invited back. I will look forward to another invitation.

—Barbara Burns (IL)



Dog shows in S. Korea are a family affair. The above 12 year old girl handled her Havanese to Best In Show Junior. She is surrounded by her extended family—it is the culture of the country. The sportsmanship and support of one another was just wonderful to watch.

# 6th Annual GSCA National Walking Gun Dog Championship



Photo by  
Mary Duerksen

Above, Paris (on left) with Janie Bristow flushing bird, while Duhb is honoring next to his handler, Mark Bunter



Judges Justin Allen and Martina Friedeberg  
Photo by Jean Webb

## Description of Course at Ionia - 2023 Walking Gun Dog Championship

Conditions in southwestern Michigan were ideal for the 2023 Gordon Setter Club of America Walking Gun Dog Championship. Rain the previous week had left a few puddles here and there and the damp earth made for good scenting conditions, but the terra was firm enough for easy travel. Cool temperatures and mostly cloudy skies allowed our Gordon Setters to perform at their best. The beechnuts, hickories, oaks and maples were beginning to color up, creating a pretty backdrop for our beautiful black and tans.

Course 1 of the Ionia Field Trial Grounds is a two mile long "L" or dog-leg shaped oval through a series of adjoining roughly eighty acre fields, separated from one another by north-south and east-west borders of twenty to fifty foot wide somewhat navigable strips of mature hardwoods, or narrower hedge lines and fallen stone wall fencerows overgrown with grasses, shrubs, burr oak and other smaller deciduous trees. The often impenetrable understory, brambles, and multiflora rose make flushing birds a frequently precarious and occasionally bloody undertaking. The fields may once have been cultivated but are now essentially tallgrass prairie, mowed to varying degrees. Most are knee-high or lower, with much higher growth along the edges and in patches around isolated trees or groups of trees. Mature hardwood forest bounds the furthest perimeter of the course in most places.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual National Walking Gun Dog Championship has concluded. We had perfect weather, healthy birds that flew well, great camaraderie and good sportsmanship from all who participated. It really does take a village to put on a great event. While I may be the Chair, Rhonda Cornum does the lion's share of the work leading up to the trial. Jean and Rob Webb (who were bringing their five horses) were in a fairly serious car accident the day before leaving. It required an incredible logistical effort to get a new truck from Kentucky to Ohio to get them on the road in time for the trial. Quite frankly, after hearing the details of what happened, I was both surprised and delighted to see them both. Then, just as Tim Gootee was in Kentucky to pick up the birds, a huge wreck happened right in front of him. There was no way to back up, but a good Samaritan led him through her yard and around the disaster to get him to the bird farm in time. Thankfully, those were the only hitches in our giddy-up!

The enthusiastic support of members of Nodrog Gordon Setter Club—Mary Grill, Mary Duerksen, Dianne Avery and Beni Levi to name the staunchest—makes this event possible, and more fun! Pat Sanborn, who could not join us this year, was responsible for our beautiful trophies, hand-painted slates by the multi-talented Gail Richardson. Tim Gootee was our go-to for anything that needed doing. Mark Bunter was a help in the kitchen, did a couple of grocery runs and was also our very own oenophile. Our judges, Justin Allen and Martina Friedeberg, were pleased to see many talented dogs.

Entries were down a few, 17 from our average of 20. We hope more dogs will qualify for next year, and that more qualified dogs will enter. But it was a fine field of Gordon Setters. In addition to seven dogs qualified by one or more placements in a Gun Dog stake, there were five Field Champions, and five Master Hunters competing. Four of these dogs qualified with more than one category. The encouraging thing was there were eight different handlers, and the vast majority are planning to return to try again in the future.

I very much enjoyed my days at Ionia, seeing all the great dogs, and catching up with all the people who have become friends over these many years. Congratulations to all the winners and I'm already looking forward to 2024.

—Nance Skoglund, Chair



## Course description, continued



Above, bird planters Rob Webb (left) & judge Justin Allen, and Rhonda Cornum. *Photos by Jean Webb.*

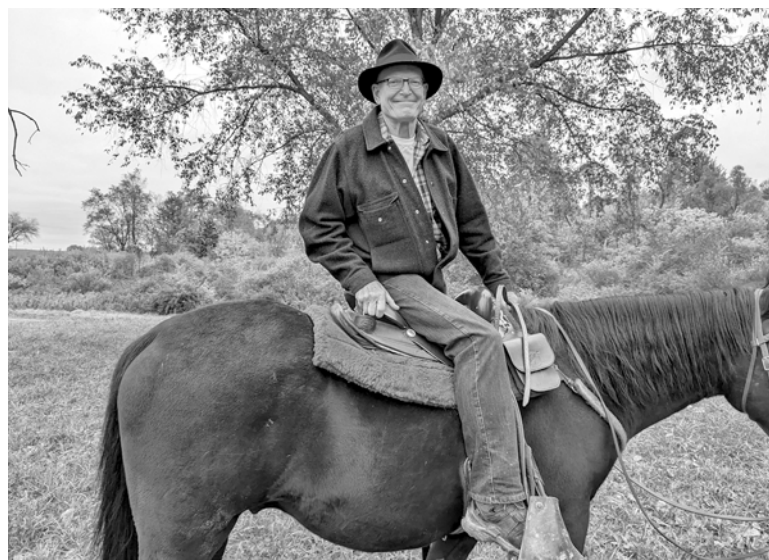
The barn, parking lot, and spacious clubhouse-headquarters are at the east end of the course. A small creek runs south-to-north between the headquarters and the rest of the area. It has created a deep draw, heavily overgrown in the bottom. To reach the castoff point from the clubhouse one travels several hundred feet down hill and over the creek to a flat at the foot of the incline on the opposite side. On the left, a two-rut track bordered by woods ascends the open grassy hillside. This is our outbound course. Another track forks off at a right angle along the creek then climbs the hillside to the right. That is the return track.

The course goes west uphill for several hundred yards to the crest, where the woods on the left give way to open fields on both sides. A few hundred yards further, the track crosses through a break in the first large north-south tree line, "The First Tree line," which is substantial in width and height, but penetrable. Most dogs achieved this tree line about five minutes from starting. Several had game contact in this area. From here on the course is level the entire way around until reaching the decline to the creek bottom and starting line. After crossing The First Tree line the course follows the trail west, through a field with heavy woods on the left, paralleling an east-west tree line on the right. After a quarter mile or so the track swings left (south), passing some food plots of millet on the left, and a small pond ("The Pond"—dry at this time) surrounded by brush and trees, on the right. Just past The Pond the track crosses through a tree line and into a field with the woods continuing on the left hand, a hedgerow/tree line along the right, and several scattered "islands" of deep grass and brush around solitary trees or small groups of trees, and one in particular: "Not-so Lucky Island." At the far end of the field is a farm and the field trial area boundary. Halfway down this field our course leaves the track, swings right (west) across the field to cross the tree line through a cut, immediately turning right again to go north along the back side of said tree line. This is "The U-turn." Ahead is an intersecting tree line, a ways down where lies a large toppled beech tree ("The Blowdown"), an unmistakable landmark. At the corner of these two tree lines (The "Wooded Corner"), the course goes left to follow that tree line past The Blowdown. Two hundred yards down we rejoin the track and use it to turn right and cross through the trees, at "The Hard Right." For most braces this was about twenty-five to thirty minutes from the start. Once through the tree line, the course leaves the track again and angles across a



field toward yet another line of trees. The effect of our course leaving the trail on occasion is to keep it closer to edges, tree lines, and cover objectives, and to shorten it, both things serving the purpose of a walking gun dog stake. The many sharp turns make it obvious whether or not a dog is attentive to its handler and responsive to their direction. Continuing to the northeast, crossing another hedgerow and then tree line, the course rejoins the track as it curves east, toward the starting point. On the left a few hundred yards away is the woods, and they are thick. Ahead is the penultimate tree line, a field, then The Final Tree line crossing, after which the track angles right, downhill to the creek and castoff point.

—Mark Bunter (CA)



Scribe Mark Bunter (CA). *Photo by Jean Webb*

## 2023 NWGDC Scribe Report

By Mark Bunter

### Brace 1: CH Pointsetter Tri-Sett Quartermaster Q MH (*Que*)

Ow: A Johnson Edwards/C Edwards/K Gatchell;

H: J Bristow

### Munroc Hug For Ravenswood SH (*Raven*)

O: R/C Hug/R Cornum; H: Rob Hugg

8:39 A.M.—Raven immediately devotes herself to the search for quail, moving at moderate speed in a smooth, attractive manner, running up to 100 yards out to the front and sides to reach likely bits of cover. Que doesn't chase his bracemate, but does not streak off either; he seems not to realize the importance of the event. After seven minutes, Janie asks to leash her dog and

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heads back to camp. Meanwhile, Raven has made the first treeline, turned right to work down the edge, and goes on point from twenty feet outside the edge. She is intense, with a rigid 10 o'clock tail and high head. Rob has difficulty producing a quail from the dense understorey. Judge Justin Allen rides around to the backside of the treeline and tells Rob, "I see the bird, fire your gun." Raven stands staunchly.

Released past the first treeline, Raven is running ahead at good speed along the hedgerow on the right when quail fly out from the brush in front of her. She sees the birds, continues for a few steps and is "whoa'ed" to a stop by Rob. Judge Allen tells Rob to collar his dog while he confers with his fellow judge. At the conclusion, Rob is told he may continue; though Raven's transgression has been noted. After twenty minutes, Raven's pace and range have diminished a bit but she maintains good speed, quartering in open areas and seeking cover and objectives that present themselves. She remains applied, focused, and effectively hunting. At 32 minutes, we round a patch of heavy cover, Raven disappears, and point is called. Rob flushes the bird and fires. Raven points as before, staunch, intense, with a stiff level tail. At 37 minutes, Raven stops inside a small treeline, in heavy grass. Rob can't produce the bird, and after a few minutes, asks to relocate. Raven refuses to move. Further effort pays off. Raven stands solidly the whole time. Raven finishes her 45 minutes at moderate speed, hunting hard.

**Brace 2: GCH Corisande As You Wish JH NA NAJ CA DCAT DCAT RATN (Vivian)**

Ow: R/M/K Fritz; H: Jean Webb

**Stoneybrook Stetson's Irresistible (Sister)**

Ow: L Sanders; H: Trena Cardwell

Vivian broke away to the far left taking the whole outside of the first big field. She met her handler at the first cut through the trees and stopped on point. Four birds ran off, one flew to the field in front of us. Shot was fired and all was well and they continued on. After walking her to the top of the small hill, she took off toward the right side tree line... three minutes later a bird suddenly flushed behind her but instead of stopping and standing still to the flush, she seemed confused and continued hunting. The judge felt she should have stopped and ordered her up.

Sister's performance was, unfortunately, not fully documented due to a poor recording. What is known is that while her run was more than satisfactory, her accuracy was not. After two non-productive points, Trena decided it just wasn't Sister's to win that day, and so leashed her.

**Brace 3: DC Munroc Paris Promise MHA (Paris)**

Ow: R Cornum/J Bristow/S Timmermann;

H: Janie Bristow

**Munroc Crusader (Dubh);**

Ow: R Cornum/S Timmermann; H: Mark Bunter

Breakaway at 10:19. Off the line, Dubh was interested in socializing and was a bit of a pest but soon turned his full attention to hunting and was no further bother. Paris was all business, running forward and to both sides up the hill. At the first treeline, Dubh turned right up the edge of the trees and at 10:25 snapped into a point sixty yards off the track and ten feet outside the trees. Paris also went that direction a few moments later and stopped in honor. Once Janie got to her dog, Mark climbed into the thorny jungle of multiflora and climbing vines. After some time thrashing around trying to flush a bird, he told judge Allen he could see a quail but he couldn't reach it. The judge told him to fire, but with some extra work, Mark pushed the bird out to where judge said he could see it, then he fired. With a quiet curse, a few lacerations and dripping a little blood, Dubh's handler emerged, watered his dog, and the brace moved on.

Paris ran forward up the center of the course seeking objectives in front, while Dubh took the edge of fencerow trees on the right. A quail flushed out just ahead. Mark gave an instantaneous

caution, Dubh stopped, and Mark fired. Dubh started to move before his handler arrived to release him, but stopped again on command. A few minutes later, on the left of the course near a feed strip of millet, just before the pond, Paris went on point at a large bush. A bird was flushed, a shot was fired, the dog was impeccably staunch. Both dogs were working nicely at more than adequate speed and distance, with little noise from their handlers, particularly Janie, who remained virtually silent throughout the brace. At the wooded corner, with Paris ahead, Dubh suddenly turned into the woods and stopped on point. At the shot, he took a few steps to mark, in a too-forward direction, and was cautioned by his handler. At this, the judge took Mark aside for a moment. Dubh was allowed to continue, but clearly his bid for the Championship was over. Before Mark could release his dog, Paris, who had been making game, stopped fifty feet away, facing the site of Dubh's find. After a futile search, the judges and Janie concurred she was working the departed quail's scent, and she was moved forward. Moments later, as Dubh was ahead running down the treeline, Paris again established point. Dubh passed the 'blowdown,' then turned back toward his handler, saw Paris some fifty yards away, and stopped to honor her.

After a successful conclusion, both dogs moved on past the blowdown to the 'hard right' crossing. Here the handlers separated, Mark and Dubh going left, Janie and Paris right. At 35 minutes Dubh went on point in a large patch of thick deep grass. Mark couldn't find the bird, and after a time-consuming search, asked to relocate. Dubh did so, but the bird was in such thick, deep grass that it couldn't be made to fly, and the incident imploded, including dog and handler composure, leaving his handler to grumble something about a "hot mess." Meanwhile, Paris stayed busy, and as Dubh went on to finish his time, a shot was fired over her.

**Brace 4: CH Sylvanus Athena At Munroc (Athena)**

Ow: J Webb/R Cornum; H: J Webb

**Kournates Dust Buster (Buster)**

Ow/H: Phil Bowerman

Fourth brace cast off at 11:23. After 10 minutes, Athena is on point in a tree island where a bird is produced. A shot is fired and they move on. At 11:42 Athena again goes on point. Bird is flushed and flies towards the dog. Athena resists snapping it out of the air, all is fine and they move on. At 11:48 Athena and Buster are both in the 'big field.' Athena goes on point, bird is produced, shot is fired and all is in order. Sadly, at 11:52, Buster elected not to "whoa to flush" as a bird went in the air, and Buster ended his bid for the championship. Unfortunately, Athena was also tempted by the same covey of quail in the same bushes and elected to chase a bird and was picked up 2 minutes after Buster.

**Lunch**

**Brace 5: CH Heatherbrae's Time To Parley At Sastya MH**

**SWA SCE SIE (Finn)** Ow: M Duerksen/K Black/

J Hurd/G Ludwiczak; H: Janie Bristow

**DC AFC Tartana Crusader SH (Cruiser)**

Ow: M Fuessinger/H Wachuta; H: Jean Webb

Breakaway at 1:30. Both dogs broke away nicely, Cruiser following the right side of the first field finding the birds hiding in the trees at the first cut. Finn and Cruiser were on opposite sides of the first perpendicular tree line. Finn was running well ahead and searching likely objectives. After ten minutes, Cruiser went on point, and Finn could not see the other dog through the trees and continued to hunt. It was a covey of about five birds. When Jean flushed, at least one came out on the opposite side of the tree line towards Finn. He failed to stop when he saw the bird fly and was picked up. That running covey was the downfall of several other dogs but Cruiser handled running quail well.

He continued down the left side of the second field, easily following right in to the next several birds; they took off in his direction and he slightly marked their direction while standing.

Hunting aggressively, his third find was 15 minutes later in the islands between fields. All went well.

A fourth find quickly followed. Jean could not get the bird to fly, but the judge saw it running and, after the shot, Cruiser continued hunting. Cruiser became a little “hard of hearing” at about 35 minutes into the brace as he attempted to take a left into a field we were not using for this event. With some loud entreaties from Jean, he returned, keeping well within the 7.5 minutes out of sight allowed for Gun Dogs.

Cruiser was found on point on his fifth bird on the last tree line heading toward camp. Following successful handling of that bird, time was called.

**Brace 6: NFC NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black**

**Diamond (Lucky)** Ow: S/J Wollschlager; H: T Cardwell  
**CH Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN**  
**(Isla)** Ow: I Frankel; H: Rhonda Cornum

Breakaway at 2:27 PM. Isla streaks straight up the hill, on full afterburners, past her earnest, hardworking bracemate. Once at the top, Isla takes a little break from her exertions, and Lucky passes her on the trail. At 4 minutes out Isla resumes forward progress and is immediately rewarded, establishing point to the right of the track in the wide open grass a bit before the first treeline. She's a pretty dog, and it's a pretty, solid-looking point. Rhonda flushes the single quail, which sails off to the right, toward a big tree in the draw below. At the shot, Isla abandons her pose, and her poise, charging off in hot pursuit. It was a fun five minutes at her first Gun Dog Championship!

Lucky carries on alone, at a very good clip, with a jaunty step and high tail, often using the trail to facilitate his progress. Mindful of Trena, he checks back regularly, and she occasionally gives a brief trill on her whistle. Working 100-150 yards forward and to either side, he hunts along the edges and seeks out likely cover in a display of intelligent, experienced groundwork. At 14 minutes he is past the pond and subsequent treeline crossing, working through the field beyond, which features several scattered trees or groups of trees surrounded by high grass and brush. Making a big cast forward on the left side, near the woods, some 200 yards out, Lucky investigates one such island of cover with a quick downwind fly-by. Out pops a bird, chased happily by Lucky, moving Trena to plaintively mutter, “Lucky?!” in utter disbelief. Lucky's bid to repeat his win as the NWGDC is over, and Not-So-Lucky Island gets its name.

**End of Day 1**

**Brace 7: Dutchman's Surprise For Munroc MH (Pixie)**

Ow: R Cornum; H: J Bristow

**FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git (Kandi)**

Ow: L Barnett; H: T Cardwell

**8:45 AM.** As the day begins, perfect weather for Gordon Setters, 54 degrees and partly overcast. Kandi is quickly up the hill, checking back at a few toots of Trena's whistle, then over the top and on towards the first treeline. Pixie is hesitant, but eventually gets moving. Kandi turns north along the treeline, then goes into it and on through, right where it intersects at a right angle with a smaller hedgerow, and is out of sight. Pixie is staying close to Janie on the track. Sarah, Trena's scout, has ridden through the hedgerow to the field on the other side and calls out, “Kandi is standing on the back side of the treeline.” As judge and handler approach, she is spotted on the move. A few hundred feet farther on Kandi stops. She seems certain this time, and her stance is very convincing: taut as a bowstring, head and tail held high. Trena turns her gimme cap around, bill to the back, and wades into the tangle. Sure enough, out flies a bird. The shot follows.

We are ten minutes out. Kandi continues down the course at a fast pace, alternately forward and lateral, depending on the cover, 100 to 150 yards away, in regular contact with her handler, who sings to her and occasionally whistles. At 17 minutes, Kandi nears Not-so-Lucky Island. She fares better than its namesake, locking

up on another very stylish point. She lets down a little as the bird flies and the pistol cracks, but she doesn't move.

Pixie and Janie have moved through the field and approach the u-turn. Pixie is running better now, and showing some hunt, but still not far from her handler. Kandi turns south along the treeline, goes past our U-turn cut by a considerable distance, and seems intent on continuing. It takes more than a few blasts of the whistle plus some hollering but Trena turns her around and we head for “The Wooded Corner.” On past ‘the blowdown,’ through the hard right, Kandi maintains her fast pace and thorough search. At 40 minutes she disappears into the woods 200 yards on the left and is out of sight for several minutes, cause for more loud persuasion. Eventually she reappears at the edge of the trees up ahead. There must be something wonderful in those woods, as Pixie makes her biggest cast of the day, a 300 yard beeline, at speed, straight for that jungle. Reaching the edge, she seems satisfied, and returns. Kandi finishes strong, and is nearing the line as time is called.



Sandy Wollschlager & Dee Dee; Robert Hugg & Maisie  
Photos by Mary Grill

**Brace 8: GCH Blackjack Double Down JH (Dee Dee)**

Ow/H: S Wollschlager

**FC Saltires Pearl Of Tara (Maisie)** Ow/H: R Hugg

**9:39 AM.** It is sunny and about 60 degrees. Maisie takes off up the hill like she's been shot out of a cannon. Dee Dee hunts her way up, quartering in front of Sandy. At 9:45 Maisie is on point through the first cut at the bottom of a draw. Bird is produced, gun is fired, all is in order. Perfect field trialing day—sunny, slightly breezy—dogs and handlers and judges are enjoying the day.

At 9:50 handler calls point on Dee Dee in a thin tree line. As handlers were moving towards Dee Dee, Maisie was found on point on the far side of the field. Birds were flushed, blanks were fired, and all was in order.

At 10:01 Dee Dee was found on point. Then Maisie entered the field and chose not to honor. The bird was flushed, the shot was fired; Deedee was still standing and Maisie was picked up. At 10:10 Dee Dee was again found on point but Sandy was unable to produce a bird. She eventually declared a non-productive and moved on. Almost immediately Dee Dee is again on point on the tree line in the last large field. Multiple birds were seen running in the tree line. The judge was able to see them running and was satisfied. The shot was fired and all was in good order.

At 10:16 Dee Dee found a bird on the path and stopped. The quail was frightened off the path by Sandy and a shot was fired. After a water stop and with 3 minutes left to go, Dee Dee again goes on point on the final tree line. The bird was produced, a shot was fired again. At 10:24 Dee Dee was still hunting forward as time was called by the judge.



### Brace 9: DC Gordon Hill Upwind Hunter MH (Wynn)

Ow: J Bristow/R Cornum; H: J Bristow

**Bye [Judges appointed Dubh (handled by M Bunter) to run with Wynn. Dubh not under judgment]**

Breakaway at 10:35. Upon release, both dogs quarter their way uphill in good working fashion. Wynn is a big dog, with good speed and a long stride. He covers a lot of ground. Approaching the first treeline crossing, Wynn is working directly in front of Janie, well in the lead. Dubh runs down into the draw on the right, checks out some cover there, then keeps on to the treeline, and down its edge to the right. After 5 minutes, Wynn runs through the crossing, swings right, into the treeline, and freezes in place, head high, standing tall, his tail sweeping slightly upwards. Dubh, returning from his trip down the treeline, comes around the corner and honors Wynn. Janie walks forward, birds go out, she fires. Good manners are observed all around. Both dogs are taken forward and released.

Wynn, clearly excited by the action, charges ahead, even faster than before. Dubh takes the hedgerow on the right hand side and moves forward along it. Shortly, Wynn hits that same line some eighty yards ahead of Dubh, and immediately gets into some serious quail trouble. He self-relocates several times, and by the time his brace mate arrives to honor, it's all over for Wynn who appears to be chasing. He exits the field after 12 minutes, and the 2023 National Walking Gundog Championship is concluded. ❖

### Judges' Comments from 2023 National Walking Gun Dog Championship

Thank you so much for asking me to judge your Gun Dog Championship! I enjoyed judging with Martina as we watched a nice lineup of gun dogs try and conquer the storied Ionia Field Trial Grounds. Birds were plentiful, the weather perfect, the company warm and inviting and the dogs put on a show that I enjoyed watching. It was especially enjoyable watching amateur handlers enjoy running their dogs on a National stage, in hopes of obtaining the coveted title.

This was a very nice event and I felt welcomed and appreciated while in attendance. It appeared to me that your breed was diversely represented both geographically and in application, range, styles, etc. Martina and I were able to find the performance we were both looking for and enjoyed watching all the performances placed before us.

Thank you so much for the warm hospitality, the perfect weather and the opportunity to choose your breed's National Walking Gun Dog Champion.

—Justin Allen

Thank you so much for the honor of judging the GSCA Walking National. Justin did a beautiful job of describing our assignment! I have little to add. Thank you again for the wonderful hospitality! I enjoyed every minute.

—Martina Friedeberg

### The Results: 6th Annual NWGDC

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
Held at Ionia Field Trial Grounds, Ionia, MI

Judges: Justin Allen/Martina Friedeberg  
Entries/Competitors: 17

- 1) DC Munroc Paris Promise MHA (3 pts)  
(R Cornum/J Bristow/S Timmermann)
  - 2) FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git (L Barnett)
  - 3) DC AFC Tartana Crusader SH (H Wachuta/M Fuessinger)
  - 4) GCH Blackjack Double Down JH (S Wollschlager)
- Judges' Award of Merit: Munroc Hug For Ravenswood SH**  
(R/C Hug/R Cornum)



**2023 National Walking Gun Dog Champion**  
DC NWGDC Munroc Paris Promise MHA (*Paris*), owned by,  
from the left, Silvia Timmermann,  
Rhonda Cornum & Janie Bristow



**2nd Place FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git (*Kandi*),**  
owned by Lynne Barnett (*Mark Keegan photo*)



**3rd Place DC AFC Tartana Crusader SH (*Cruiser*),** owned by  
Holly Wachuta and Mark Fuessinger. Cruiser is shown with  
handler Jean Webb and her husband Robert.





**4<sup>th</sup> Place GCH Blackjack Double Down JH (Dee Dee)**, shown with owner/handler Sandy Wollschlager  
*Photo by Silvia Timmermann*



**Judges' Award of Merit: Munroc Hug For Ravenswood SH (Raven)**, shown with owners Rhonda Cornum (left), and Rob & Connie Hug.  
*Photo by Silvia Timmermann*

## 2023 GSCA National Walking Gun Dog Champion

### DC NWGDC Munroc Paris Promise MHA

(CH Tartana Duncan Sinclair Of Phyfe JH x CH Munroc Lybster To Paris JH)

Breeders: Rhona Cornum & Silvia Timmermann

Owners: Rhonda Cornum (KY)/Janie Bristow (NC)/Silvia Timmermann (Germany)

**R**honda Cornum, Silvia Timmerman and Janie Bristow share a love for a dog who started off somewhat reserved and a little lost. The conformation ring wasn't exciting but she was willing to give her best. Then Rhonda sent Paris to Janie's camp and she blossomed. Paris became a hunting companion anyone would be proud to follow. Then she gained more confidence and found her place in the field. A hunting companion who found her legs, as they say.

We all love Paris so much we wanted to show her how much we appreciated all she had achieved. So instead of living with us as one of many, she lives with my friend Ron Hobbs who meets with me to train sometimes five times a week. Now she is one of two very-much loved dogs. Ron arrives to the fields an hour before me to run the two girls. Paris gives me a cursory hello and hops into the car with her sister Kota. When it's time to go with me to a trial, Paris is ready. But she isn't lost anymore. As they say, she has the best of both worlds. ❖

**T**eam Paris was thrilled when she won the National Walking Gun Dog Championship. I was privileged to "scout" for that brace, but in truth I did nothing but ride and watch. It was all Paris and Janie Bristow. They were clearly in sync, and I don't believe Janie said a thing to that dog for 45 minutes. I suppose it is possible she said "good dog" once when she was releasing her after a find, but I didn't hear it. When Paris was hunting out of sight for some minutes, she magically reappeared just where Janie wanted her to be, and took her cues from one short "toot" of the whistle. Without Janie saying a word, she went on; her Master Hunter manners were definitely showing.

Paris is a fourth generation Munroc dog, and our first dual champion. We hope she is the first of many; we believe the "DC"



is the ultimate accomplishment for Gordon Setters, or for that matter, all sporting dogs. But winning the National Walking Gun Dog Championship was definitely icing on that cake!

Paris is not a perfect Gordon Setter, we can list her faults. But she just may be a perfect "dog." At home with Ron Hobbs and his wife, she is a relaxed companion, happy to just hang out and play with grandkids. In the field she wants to work with and please her handler, but is neither needy nor demanding. She was a very good mother to her one litter of puppies, but was happy to leave them and get back to training. We could not ask for more, and feel blessed to have had a "Paris." ❖



## Meet the Breed Events

### Scottish Games and AKC Meet the Breeds in New York's Capital District

The first two weekends of September were busy for Keira (GCH Kick's Keira Rose-Home Of The Brave JH CGC), Korbin (Shiloh's First Snow At Windcrest JH), my husband Mike and me.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we attended the Capital District Scottish Games at the Altamont, NY fairgrounds. For the second year, our friend and organizer, Fran Smith, invited us to participate in the Scottish Dog Breed exhibition. Mike and I took Keira and Korbin, both sporting their Gordon tartan neck gaiters, and enjoyed representing the Gordon Setters. The pups loved the attention and meeting so many new people. All Scottish breeds were present this year and we were grateful to have been included. We are looking forward to next year and hope the weather will be as beautiful!

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Mike helped me load up the van (now officially known in our family as the Empire Express). Then the Gordons and I headed to Ballston Spa, NY's 4-H Training Center for our first AKC Meet the Breeds event, hosted by the Saratoga Kennel Club and the Saratoga County 4-H. Thanks are in order to the Albany Kennel Club for sharing the invitation to members and local AKC Meet the Breed co-chairs, Mary Lou Cuddy and Marilyn Almy, for welcoming us. When reaching out to confirm our attendance, I was surprised to learn that they'd never had Gordon Setters represented. We were determined to change that!

We had a steady stream of folks stopping by all day to learn about our Gordons. I happily shared my love of the breed, its history, and my experiences thus far of living (and playing!) with my pups—so much so that I'd nearly lost my voice by the end of the day! I was so proud of Korbin and Keira for representing the Gordon community well! They both loved the pats, scratches, and love from young and old alike.

Sincere thanks to the Gordon Setter Club of America, specifically Suzy DeSilver, Dianne Avery and Nance Skoglund, for helping me gather information to print and share, Laura



Mike & Kelly Mathews with Gordons  
Keira and Korbin at the Scottish Games



Bedford for help with the same from TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Kristeen Davidson-Christman, who graciously shared some tips from her many experiences at Meet the Breed events, Modern Press in Albany, NY for a blazingly fast design and print job for our banner, and, finally, *Project Upland* and *Gun Dog* magazines for granting permission quickly and on short notice to print two wonderful articles on the Gordon's prowess in the field to share as handouts.

I'm happy to say my stacks of information were almost gone by the end of the event. I hope we succeeded in introducing more folks to our wonderful breed. In fact, the only disheartening part of our experience was how few people knew about our amazing Gordons, so we did our very best to share all we could with everyone who stopped by. It helped me realize the importance of these events, and though it was our first, it certainly won't be our last! We received an invitation for next year and look forward to attending again. It was a wonderful day. The pups and I had a great time, and I think Mike may have been quietly pleased that I wasn't talking as much when I returned home that evening.

—Kelly Mathews, Rensselaer, NY



This young visitor (in the photo on the right) was non-verbal and seemed nervous about my big boy Korbin, who was greeting folks outside of his pen. After I put Korbin in his pen, the young man felt comfortable enough to approach and pet Keira through her pen.

When she kissed his hand, he laughed silently, clapping his hands. It was very moving for both me and his mom, who'd become misty-eyed. He visited Keira for about 10 minutes and petted Korbin as well before moving on! I was so thankful to see the unexpected emotional connection that Keira made with him and watch Korbin gain his trust. A lovely encounter, indeed.



## MEET THE BREEDS—GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER; COLUMBUS, OHIO



L to R: Cindy Gootee & Cowboy, Diane Welling & Kerrera, Kim Auer & Daegen



Kim & Daegen; above, puppy girl Kerrera

Once again Daegen and I had the privilege of representing the Gordon Setters at the AKC Meet the Breeds event held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

This year was extra special as I was joined by Gordon friends Cindy Gootee and Diane Welling. It was much easier this year having extra dogs participating in the event. I got to meet the ever-handsome *Cowboy*, owned by Cindy Gootee, and Diane brought puppy girl *Kerrera*. It was a long day packed with so much fun—meeting dog lovers from all over central Ohio. It was wonderful to meet so many folks eager to meet a breed they had heard of but had never seen. The huge smiles on the faces of little ones getting to pet our dogs was priceless!

Thank you Nance Skoglund for contacting me to participate and thank you to Cindy and Diane for joining Daegen and I at the event. Hats off to the AKC for their professionalism and commitment to the promotion of all purebred dogs. From the day-long events, including agility and obedience demonstrations, to the awesome exhibitors' lunch, the AKC just 'gets it.' They sure know how to throw a dog party!



*Cowboy*



Diane Welling with lap girl *Kerrera*

## AKC News ►►►

### BREEDERS: Join us Wednesday evenings in January 2024 for the next installment of virtual Canine Breeder Excellence Seminar Tracks

These seminars, sponsored by the American Kennel Club, the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and the Theriogenology Foundation (TF), are intended for breeders looking for current information specifically on reproduction topics that will help them achieve success in their breeding programs. Engaging speakers (often a former or current AKC/AKCCHF/TF Small Animal Theriogenology Residency Program participant) bring their expertise to share and attendees leave with a better understanding of canine reproduction. If you are an avid breeder or canine fancier, this is a seminar series you will not want to miss.

**Schedule:** (All webinars will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm Central Standard Time.)

- January 17 - Dr. Lily Lewis - *TCI versus surgical AI: Does the method really matter?*
- January 24 - Dr. Aime Johnson - *Prostate pearls of wisdom and how to successfully manage the aging stud dog.*
- January 31 - Dr. Robyn Wilborn - *How to troubleshoot the first 48 hours with neonates to ensure success.*

Registration is \$20 per session or \$50 for the series and available until 24 hours prior to each session. Registration is free for veterinary students. (<https://www.theriofoundation.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1800421&group=>)

All proceeds will benefit the Theriogenology Foundation education programs. ❖

Fall in New England means the TarTan AM/PM Specialties! This year we were back in Goshen, Connecticut, once again sharing the Goshen Fairgrounds with the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club. Our morning show was Concurrent (once called Independent), and our afternoon show was a Designated specialty, part of the all-breed show. We had a nice large ring, set away from the rest of the show, and the deluge that had been forecast held off until Sunday! It was overcast and a little drizzly, but the dogs loved it, even if the humans didn't, but no whining was heard.

In between the two shows, we had a sumptuous pot luck lunch; TarTan never lacks for contributions of food. We had a brief membership meeting full of good information about future activities. So much food was left over, that we were asked to donate it to the Judges' Lunch!

Entries were not as high as in the past, possibly affected by the fact that the GSCA National was the following week, and decisions about future shows will take place soon. Thanks to all who helped to make these shows possible and fun! First to the anonymous elves who set up our EZ Ups when we weren't looking, and to the members and friends like Jim MacWalter who helped to take them down—rock solid dependable members Ellen Shanahan, Susan DeSilver, Karen Gatchell, Steve Bedford, Susan Adams-Conley, Iris Frankel, and Jenn Foote MacWalter. And we cannot forget Judith Brown, who traveled from Alberta to judge Sweepstakes for us, and contributed her time and effort the day before to help get things together and after the show to help pack up and is a terrific houseguest! Thanks also to our other Sweeps judge, Nioma Coen, who swept down from Massachusetts despite the threat of rain. Unfortunately, our Sweepstakes entries were disappointing. No lack of quality despite that!

—Laura Bedford, Substitute Show Chair

And now a note from Robin Marshall, our real Show Chair:

We were so happy to hear that Northwestern CT Dog Club decided to have their fall cluster this year and that we could be included for both concurrent and designated specialty shows. This seems to be our landing spot since leaving the South Windsor Rotary Pavilion October weekend that we had for so many years. After months of planning the show and amassing the trophies with Laura Bedford, I had a family event out of town that prevented me from attending the shows. I was sorry to have missed, what to all accounts was, a great showing of our beautiful Gordons. I was also sorry to not be able to share the day with my TarTan friends. Thanks to Laura for spearheading everything that day and to all who were there to lend a hand.

—Robin Marshall, Chair

## TarTan AM Specialty, Saturday, September 23, 2023

Concurrent with Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club

### Puppy Sweepstakes AM

Judge: Nioma Stoner Coen

#### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months

1) Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel (G Skowron)

#### Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months

1) Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGC (S Adams-Conley)

**Best in Puppy Sweeps: Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGC**

### Veteran Sweepstakes AM

Judge: Nioma Stoner Coen

#### Veteran Dogs, 9-11 years

1) CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI (S/J MacWalter)

#### Veteran Bitches, 11 years and over

1) CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN (S DeSilver/J de Casteja)

**Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN**

**Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps: CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI**

## AM Regular and Non-Regular Classes (5/9)

Judge: Vicki Sandage, DVM

### Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult

1) Damon's Fire And Ice (G/C Paludi)

### Open Dogs

1) Dundee's Gallant Rogue Of Glen 'Mor JH CGC TKN (J/J MacWalter/K Thorpe)

2) Laurel Hill's Freddie Mercury (C/G Linthicum)

3) Blossom Impressive Kapitan Leader JH (N Talaver)

4) Atom Grand Venandi (N Talaver)

**Winners Dog: Dundee's Gallant Rogue Of Glen 'Mor JH CGC TKN**

**Reserve Winners Dog: Damon's Fire And Ice**

### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months

1) Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel (G Skowron)

### Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months

1) Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGC (S Adams-Conley)

### Junior Bitches, 12-15 Months

1) Rainsong N' Damon's Holiday Magic (G/C Paludi)

### Junior Bitches, 15-18 Months

1) Love Generation Black Lofty (N Talaver)

### Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches, Adult

1) Damon's Ice Heiress (G/C Paludi)

### Open Bitches

1) Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH (J Ackerman)

2) Dundee's Ranger's Apprentice JH CGC TKI (J Foote/S MacWalter)

3) Dundee's Brea Of Glen Mor CGC (W/V Hardie/R Marshall)

4) Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN (I Frankel)

**Winners Bitch: Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH**

**Reserve Winners Bitch: Rainsong N' Damon's Holiday Magic**

### Veteran Class, Dogs

1) CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI (S/J MacWalter)

### Veteran Class, Bitches

1) CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN (S DeSilver/J de Casteja)

### Best of Breed Competition(1, 6)

**Best of Breed: GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA (B McCoy)**

**Best of Winners: Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH**

**Best of Opposite Sex: GCH Noah's Ark Echo Of Avalon JH CA**

**DCAT TKN (I Frankel)**

**Select Dog: CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI**

**Select Bitch: CH Laurel Hill's Stormtrooper In Stilettoes**

(J Szarek/J Bernard Szarek)

### Judge's Awards of Merit:

**GCH Kick's Keira Rose-Home Of The Brave JH CGC (K Mathews)**

**CH Mila Grandset Russian Charm At Tamarack (E Shanahan)**

## TarTan PM Specialty, Saturday, September 23, 2023

Concurrent with Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club

### Puppy Sweepstakes PM

Judge: Judith Morrall Brown

#### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months

1) Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel (G Skowron)

#### Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months

1) Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGC (S Adams-Conley)

**Best in Puppy Sweepstakes: Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel**

### Veteran Sweepstakes PM

Judge: Judith Morrall Brown

#### Veteran Dogs, 9-11 years

1) CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI (S/J MacWalter)

#### Veteran Bitches, 11 years and over

1) CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN (S DeSilver/J de Casteja)

**Best in Veteran Sweeps: CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN**

**Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps: CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI**

## PM Regular and Non-Regular Classes (4, 9)

Judge: Marjorie Martorella

### Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs, Adult

- 1) Damon's Fire And Ice (G/C Paludi)

### Open Dogs

- 1) Blossom Impressive Kapitan Leader JH (N Talaver)
- 2) Laurel Hill's Freddie Mercury (C/G Linthicum)
- 3) Atom Grand Venandi (N Talaver)

**Winners Dog: Blossom Impressive Kapitan Leader JH**

**Reserve Winners Dog: Laurel Hill's Freddie Mercury**

### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months

- 1) Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel (G Skowron)

### Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months

- 1) Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGC (S Adams-Conley)

### Bitches, 12-18 Months

- 1) Rainsong N' Damon's Holiday Magic (G/C Paludi)
- 2) Love Generation Black Lofty (N Talaver)

### Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1) Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN (I Frankel)
- 2) Damon's Ice Heiress (G/C Paludi)

### Open Bitches

- 1) Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH (J Ackerman)
- 2) Dundee's Brea Of Glen Mor CGC (W/V Hardie/R Marshall)
- 3) Dundee's Ranger's Apprentice JH CGC TKI (J Foote/S MacWalter)

**Winners Bitch: Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN**

**Reserve Winners Bitch: Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH**

### Veteran Class, Dogs

- 1) CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI (S/J MacWalter)

**Best of Breed/Best Ow-Handled in Breed: GCH Noah's Ark Echo Of Avalon JH CA DCAT TKN (I Frankel)**

**Best of Winners: Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN**

**Best of Opposite Sex: GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA (B McCoy)**

**Select Dog: CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI**

**Select Bitch: GCH Hollyhunt Pop The Bubbly (M/C Hunsinger)**

### Awards of Merit:

**GCH Yukki Hill La Femme Nikita With Harbinger CGC (J Szarek/ J Bernard-Szarek/A Sutherland)**

**GCH Kick's Keira Rose-Home Of The Brave JH CGC (K Mathews)**

*Photos by John Ashbey*



**Best in Veteran Sweeps AM & PM:  
CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN**  
Ow: S DeSilver/J de Casteja



**Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps AM & PM/  
Select Dog AM & PM**  
**CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI**  
Ow: S MacWalter/J MacWalter



**Best in Puppy Sweepstakes PM:  
Glen 'Mor's Ruby Jewel**  
Ow: G Skowron



**WB/Best of Winners AM & Reserve Winners Bitch PM:  
Blackburn Bonnie Windreader Willa JH**  
Ow: J Ackerman





**Winners Dog (and new Champion) AM:**  
**Dundee's Gallant Rogue Of Glen 'Mor JH CGC TKN**  
 Ow: J/J MacWalter/K Thorpe



**Best of Breed AM/Best of Opposite Sex PM:**  
**GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA**  
 Ow: B McCoy



**WB/Best of Winners (and new Champion) PM:**  
**Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN**  
 Ow: I Frankel



**Best of Breed PM/Best of Opposite Sex AM:**  
**GCH Noah's Ark Echo Of Avalon JH CA DCAT TKN**  
 Ow: I Frankel



**Winners Dog PM:**  
**Blossom Impressive Kapitan Leader JH**  
 Ow: N Talaver



**Judge's Award of Merit AM & PM:**  
**GCH Kick's Keira Rose-Home Of The Brave JH CGC**  
 Ow: K Mathews

The Golden Gate GSC held our Concurrent Specialty on Saturday, October 28, 2023 with the Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers all-breed show. The weather was pleasantly cool but not too cold. Our entry was not large but we did have a five-point major in bitches. The quality of the entry was very nice for our judge, Ms. JoAnn Pavey, from Canada. Later that afternoon, club members gathered for a potluck lunch. It was nice to be able to sit around, relax and chat after the day's judging.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day with their time, entries, and trophy donations. Congratulations to all the winners.

—Barbara Gaffney, Specialty Chair

## Golden Gate GSC Concurrent Specialty Results

October 28, 2023; Dixon, CA

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Nancy Lovelady

### Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months (1)

- 1) Relativity Sun (M Kudatsky/D Paquette)

### Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months (3)

- 1) Krystal N' Sastya Do You Wanna Dance (N/A Thompson)
- 2) Relativity Second Star To The Right (P/O Bobo/D Paquette)
- 3) Relativity Goddess Of The Moon (D Paquette)

**Best in Puppy Sweeps: Krystal N' Sastya Do You Wanna Dance**

**Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps: Relativity Sun**

### Veteran Sweepstakes

Judge: Nancy Lovelady

### Dogs, 9 years & under 11 years (1)

- 1) CH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA (S McClung)

### Bitches, 11 years & over (1)

- 1) GCHS Blazen Spellbound's Wonder Woman JH (C Gold)

**Best in Veteran Sweeps: GCHS Blazen Spellbound's Wonder Woman JH**

**BOS Veteran Sweeps: CH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA**

### Regular Classes

Judge: Ms. JoAnn Pavey

### Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months (1)

- 1) Relativity Sun (M Kudatsky/D Paquette)

### Winners Dog: Relativity Sun

### Puppy Bitches: 6-9 Months (3)

- 1) Relativity Goddess Of The Moon (D Paquette)
- 2) Krystal N' Sastya Do You Wanna Dance (N/A Thompson)
- 3) Relativity Second Star To The Right (P/O Bobo/D Paquette)

### Bred By Exhibitor Bitches, Adult (1)

- 1) Relativity Remington Go Boom (D Paquette)

### American Bred Bitches (1)

- 1) Sandpiper's Avalon To Zuma For Balarran (B Gaffney)

### Open Bitches (3, 1 absent)

- 1) Belvedere Spellbound's With A Little Luck (L/W Scott)
- 2) Moonsetter Keystone Taken By The Wind (E Nolan/H/O Moon)

**Winners Bitch: Belvedere Spellbound's With A Little Luck**

**Reserve WB: Moonsetter Keystone Taken By The Wind**

### Veteran Dogs (1)

- 1) CH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA (S McClung)

### Veteran Bitches (1)

- 1) GCHS CH Blazen Spellbound's Wonder Woman JH (C Gold)

### Best of Breed Competition

**Best of Breed: CH Sandpiper's Dunnottar Castle By The Sea**  
(B Gaffney)

**Best of Opposite Sex: CH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA**

**Best of Winners: Belvedere Spellbound's With A Little Luck**

**Select Dog: CH Relativity Revelation Rory (L Guliasi/D Paquette)**

**Select Bitch: GCHS Blazen Spellbound's Wonder Woman JH**

**Best Puppy: Relativity Goddess Of The Moon**

**Best Bred By Exhibitor: Relativity Remington Go Boom**



### Best in Puppy Sweeps:

**Krystal N' Sastya Do You Wanna Dance**

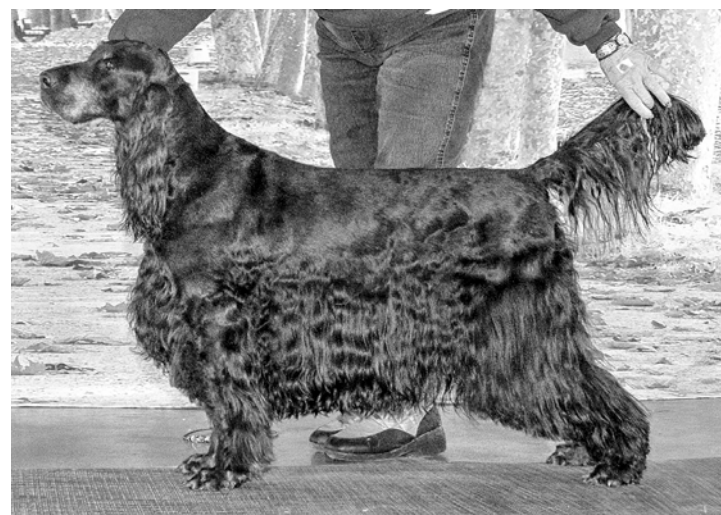
Ow: N/A Thompson



### Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps & Winners Dog:

**Relativity Sun**

Ow: M Kudatsky/D Paquette



### Best in Veteran Sweeps & Select Bitch:

**GCHS Blazen Spellbound's Wonder Woman JH**

Ow: C Gold



**Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps & Best of Opposite Sex:**  
**CH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA**  
 Ow: S McClung



**Select Dog:**  
**CH Relativity Revelation Rory**  
 Ow: L Guliasi/D Paquette



**Winners Bitch & Best of Winners:**  
**Belvedere Spellbound's With A Little Luck**  
 Ow: L/W Scott



**Best of Breed:**  
**CH Sandpiper's Dunnottar Castle By The Sea**  
 Ow: B Gaffney

## GSCA Designated Specialties Results November 4 & 5, 2023; Bernalillo, NM ▶ ▶ ▶

The Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico hosted GSCA Designated Specialties on November 4 and 5, 2023 at their 2023 Group Specialties shows. The shows were held outdoors at Loretto Park, in the historic Town of Bernalillo, New Mexico. Cool mornings warmed to clear 70 degree days, perfect for people and dogs to be at their best.

Ms. Marissa Clark judged breeds on Saturday, while Mr. Sid Marx judged the Sporting Group. On Sunday, Mr. Marx judged breeds and Ms. Clark judged the Sporting Group.

We had plenty of other entertainment, as well. Vickee Jones put together a fun, and profitable, raffle for the GSCA. The food truck kept everyone fueled with coffee and green chile; a priest from the Catholic church next door performed a "Blessing of the Animals," and we were serenaded by church bells under an impossibly blue sky.

The SDFNM also held a raffle; the Lobo Lure Coursing Club hosted a Fast CAT trial; and the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club held a Specialty at the other end of the park. Residents of the town stopped by to see what was happening and admire the dogs.

—Terri Smith, GSCA Designated Specialty Show Chair 2023

*Photos by Kohler*

**DESIGNATED SPECIALTY—November 4, 2023**  
 In conjunction with the Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico  
 Regular Classes

Judge: Mr. Sidney L. Marx

**Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches (1)**

1) Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT (M/D Huddleston/R Fritz)

**Open Bitches (3)**

1) Gordon Glen's Elspeth JH (J Sindel/J Webb)

2) Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH (J Sindel/J Webb)

3) Bit O' Gold Golden Set Cara (N Puccetti/K Carroll)

**Winners Bitch: Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT**

**Reserve Winners Bitch: Gordon Glen's Elspeth JH**

**Best of Breed Competition (0/2)**

**Best of Breed: GCHB Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF**  
 (R/M/K Fritz/D Bjerkestrand)

**Best of Opposite Sex: Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT**  
 (M/D Huddleston/R Fritz)

**Best Bred By Exhibitor: Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT**



## GSCA Designated Specialties Results November 4 & 5, 2023, Bernalillo, NM ▶ ▶ ▶

**DESIGNATED SPECIALTY—November 5, 2023**  
In conjunction with the  
**Sporting Dog Faniers of New Mexico**

### Regular Classes

Judge: Mrs. Marissa L. Clark

### Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches (1)

1) Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT (M/D Huddleston/R Fritz)

### Open Bitches (3)

1) Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH (J Sindel/J Webb)

2) Gordon Glen's Elspeth JH (J Sindel/J Webb)

3) Bit O' Gold Golden Set Cara (N Puccetti/K Carroll)

**Winners Bitch: Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH**

**Reserve Winners Bitch: Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT**

**Best of Breed Competition (0/2)**

**Best of Breed: GCHB Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF**  
(R/M/K Fritz/D Bjerkestrand)

**Best of Opposite Sex: Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH**



**Best of Breed Nov. 4 & 5:**  
**GCHB Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF**  
Ow: R/M/K Fritz/D Bjerkestrand

## Nodrog GSC Field Trial Results October 13-15, 2023, Highland Recreation Area, Highland, Michigan ▶ ▶ ▶

### Open Derby (4 starters)

Judges: Cassie Allen & LeRoy Long

- 1) **Blackjack Eleanor Dumont** (S Wollschlager) - 1 pt
- 2) **Saltire's O'Hara Plantation JH** (R/C Hug)
- 3) **Teutoburger Wald Someday's Nw Star** (G/A Lutz)
- 4) Withheld

### Amateur Gun Dog (14 starters)

Judges: Jesse Chapman & LeRoy Long

- 1) Brit - 3 pts
- 2) Brit - 1 pt
- 3) **Munroc Hug For Ravenswood SH** (R/C Hug/R Cornum)
- 4) **GCH Blackjack Double Down JH** (S Wollschlager)

### Amateur Limited Gun Dog (5 starters)

Judges: Cassie Allen & LeRoy Long

- 1) ES
- 2-4) Withheld

### Open Gun Dog Non-Retrieve (18 starters)

Judges: Will Langley & LeRoy Long

- 1) IS
- 2) **Mvr Macfarlane She's A Doosie** (L Barnett)
- 3) ES
- 4) Withheld

### Open Limited Gun Dog (17 starters)

Judges: Will Langley & LeRoy Long

- 1) ES
- 2) **FC Chukarhill How Nekkid Can U Git** (L Barnett)
- 3) Brit
- 4) Vz



**Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex/BBB Exhibitor Nov. 4 & RWB Nov. 5: Corisande By The Water's Edge DCAT**  
Ow: M/D Huddleston/R Fritz



**Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex & New Champion Nov. 5: Gordon Glen Isle Of Skye JH**  
Ow: J Sindel/J Webb

## Nodrog GSC Hunt Tests October 21 & 22, 2023, Silo Course, Highland, MI

**Saturday, October 21, 2023** (16 entered; 16 starters)

Judges: Wendy McIntosh & Gwen Hayes (all test levels)

**Junior Hunter** [9 starters (3 Gordons)]

No Gordons qualified

**Senior Hunter** (2 starters/no Gordons entered)

**Master Hunter** (5 starters/no Gordons entered)

**Sunday, October 22, 2023** (16 entered; 15 starters)

**Junior Hunter** [8 starters (1 Gordon)]

Judges: Mary Grill & Carol Lybarger

**Heatherbrae's Starlight Express** (O/H: Paul Ritchie)

**Senior Hunter** (3 starters/no Gordons entered)

Judges: Gwen Hayes & Chari A. Patterson

**Master Hunter** (4 starters/no Gordons entered)

Judges: Gwen Hayes & Chari A. Patterson

—Bea VanKampen (MI)

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## New Titleholders, September—October 2023

### CHAMPION

#### CH Beaconfield Bellagio Celebration At Olive Field Jp

(SS37377902) 9/23/23 (B) 6/10/22. GCHB Beaconfield Bellagio Exclamation x GCH Rosa Passaro Da Noite.

Br: R Murray/S Krickeberg. Ow: R Murray/F Hirano.

#### CH Belvedere Spellbound's With A Little Luck (SS20710004)

10/29/23 (B) 7/7/20. DC Indian Sky Spellbnds Superman x GCH Spellbound To Belvedere's Sugarland Express.

Br: M Fagersten/C Gold. Ow: L/W Scott.

#### CH Blossom Impressive Kapitän Leader JH (SS31995302) 10/28/23

(D) 3/11/21. Double Dream Loveset Example To Follow x Double Dream Loveset Stylish Cindy. Br: T Blinnikova. Ow: N Talaver.

#### CH Dundee's Gallant Rogue Of Glen 'Mor JH CGC TKN

(SS26587509) 9/23/23 (D) 5/19/21. CH Glen 'Mor's Highland Ranger MHA CGCA TKI x CH Sastya Shadow Of Dundee CGC. Br: W/V Hardie/R Marshall. Ow: J/J MacWalter/K Thorpe.

#### CH Hillock Trillium (SS14577001) 10/8/23 (B) 8/9/19. CH

Hillock Ez2nv x CH Hillock Yukon Nightfall. Br: S Samelson/J Abitz/D Wentworth/S Piette. Ow: J Abitz/S Piette.

#### CH Karrelene's Keeper Of The Keys (SS30634602) 10/1/23 (D)

11/5/21. CH Karrelene's Bagpiper CD RN x CH Karrelene's Ella Band Of Gold. Br: I De Laere/N Young. Ow: P/C Szymanski/N Young.

#### CH Munroc The French Connection (SS30021101) 9/2/23 (D)

8/24/21. Linel Des Pralines D'Aubejoux x Munroc Honkey Tonk Girl. Br/Ow: A Oberscheidt/C Mika/R Cornum/S Timmermann.

#### CH Noah's Ark Echo Of Enchantment MH TKN (SR99995501)

9/23/23 (B) 7/3/17. CH Noah's Ark Galahad Of Avalon JH x GCH Pointsetter Wild Night At Noah's Ark CD JH CA DCAT CGC. Br: I Frankel/F Glynn. Ow: I Frankel.

#### CH Stilmoor N Fieldtalk's Final Countdown (SS16427001)

9/9/23 (D) 1/6/20. Stilmoor Seven Eleven x GCH Stilmoor Every Minute Counts At Apacheacre. Br: K Black/J Hurd/R Black. Ow: K Black/Bettina Smith-Horn.

### GRAND CHAMPION

#### GCH CT Schofield Cory's Cheveho JH SWA (SR76896406) 10/29/23

(D) 3/21/13. GCH Schofield Here Comes De Encore x CH Schofield Take Me To D' Limit JH. Br: R Schmidt. Ow: S McClung.

### GRAND CHAMPION SILVER

#### GCHS Glen 'Mor's Declan Aigeann JH CGCA CGCU TKA

(SS01243305) 9/9/23 (D) 9/24/17. GCHS Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait x Glen 'Mor's Precious Greusaich JHA BCAT. Br: D/K Thorpe/J MacWalter. Ow: B McCoy.

### GRAND CHAMPION PLATINUM

#### GCHP Shaker Trees Santana (SR94350902) 9/8/23 (D) 7/4/16.

GCH Deveron Another King Will Rise x GCHB Firethorn And Springrun's Lets Make A Deal. Br: V Powell/M McLoughlin/C Kirby. Ow: V Powell/H George.

### NATIONAL WALKING GUN DOG CHAMPION

#### DC NWGDC Munroc Paris Promise MHA (SR94004505)

10/17/23 (B) 6/16/16. CH Tartana Duncan Sinclair Of Phyfe JH x CH Munroc Lybster To Paris JH. Br: R Cornum/S Timmermann. Ow: R Cornum/S Timmermann/J Bristow.

### COMPANION DOG

#### Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CD BN RN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT

VHMA (PAL275771) 10/2/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

### UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT 2

#### Milestone Farm's Nostalgia UDX2 OM3 BN GN GO (SR92165801)

10/28/23 (B) 2/4/16. CH Coppertoe-Milestone's Ventura CDX RN JH x CH Gilnockie/Milestone's Dramatic Flair CD BN CA. Br: D/G Bartlett/S Armstrong. Ow: D/G Bartlett/S Armstrong/V Kick.

### BEGINNER NOVICE

#### Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CD BN RN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT

VHMA (PAL275771) 10/2/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

### RALLY NOVICE

#### Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CD BN RN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT

VHMA (PAL275771) 10/2/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

### RALLY INTERMEDIATE

#### Clearcut Quality Brew BN RI JH CGCA TKN VHMP (SS21788304)

10/21/23 (D) 9/25/20. Clearcut Meant To Be x Clearcut The Cup Of Redemption. Br: D/D Fries. Ow: T/L Hanson.

### RALLY ADVANCED

#### CH Bit O' Gold Rob Roy RA JH CGC TKN (SS21649501) 10/2/23

(D) 9/9/20. CH Beaconfield Bellagio Extra Extra x GCH Bit O' Gold First Serve Mckenna. Br: P Nowak. Ow: L McRae/P Nowak.

#### Gordon Hill Valiant Prince CD BN RA BCAT RATN CGC TKN

(SS18515905) 10/29/23 (D) 4/26/20. GCH Munroc The Black Watch MH x CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN. Br: J deCasteja/S DeSilver. Ow: B/D Dargay.

#### Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN

CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA (SR93417201) 9/23/23 (B)

10/20/15. Sherwin's Fellini x Sherwin's Camee.

Br: M Schneider. Ow: D Cournoyer.

### RALLY EXCELLENT

#### Blackthorn's Highland Traveler CD PCD BN GN RE (SR83153002)

9/22/23 (D) 5/10/14. CH Gilnockie 'N Carabrook Sentimental Journey x Blackthorn's Raisin' Havoc. Br: B Bradbury. Ow: K/C Hubbard.

### RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT

#### CH Bit O' Gold Innocent Or Gilty CD BN RAE JH AX AXJ MXP

MJP2 XF MFP BCAT CGC TKI (SR83773004) 10/2/23 (D)

6/24/14. GCH Bit O' Gold Been There Done That x GCH Bit O' Gold's Technique. Br: P/K Nowak. Ow: L McRae/P Nowak.

### VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKER

#### Moonsetter Exclusively Designed For Riversong VST SWE SCM

SIM SBM TKN (SS14559501) 9/2/23 (B) 9/28/19. CH

Riversong's Hydro Shock JH x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: S Davis/O Moon.

### JUNIOR HUNTER

#### Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CD BN RN JH CGCA CGCU TKI ATT

VHMA (PAL275771) 10/4/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

#### Gordon Glen's Elspeth JH (SS28048301) 10/1/23 (B) 5/10/21.

Tartana Fireside Crooner x Gordon Glen Is It You? JH.

Br/Ow: J Sindel/J Webb.

#### Sylvanus Dorchas Ros Faodail JH (SS32551603) 9/30/23 (D)

1/16/22. CH Blackjack Everybody Wins JH x CH Tartana Liliás Dorchas Ros JH CA. Br: J Webb/T Olsson Ow: M/C Neidenthal.

#### Tallgrass Tikka Lynn Billets JH (SS25474607) 10/21/23 (B)

3/12/21. Tallgrass Pistol Pete x Tallgrass Red Dot. Br: T Loy. Ow: S Billets.

#### United Winds Sonshine Ace Of Hearts JH ATT (SS18447110)

10/28/23 (B) 4/10/20. Forester's United Trooper Of Darkmoor x Forester's Hurricane Windy Of Darkmoor. Br: J/J Fleming. Ow: K Lirette.

### FARM DOG CERTIFIED

#### Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CD BN RN JH FDC CGCA CGCU TKI

ATT VHMA (PAL275771) 10/29/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

### MASTER SILVER AGILITY 2

#### MACH3 Skara Braes Race Against Time MXS2 MJB2 MXF

(SR97387301) 9/16/23 (B) 2/7/17. GCHS Skara Braes I Was Worth The Wait x CH Skara Braes Make Way For The Lady. Br: S Grober. Ow: J Ashley.

## New Titleholders, September ~ October, continued

### NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

#### GCH Corisande As You Wish JH NA NAJ CA DCAT RATN

(SS04924002) 9/29/23 (B) 12/11/17. Amscot Rebel With A Cause x GCH Mardebri/Corisande's Straight On Til Morning JH NF RATN DS. Br: M/K/R Fritz/D Bjerkestrand. Ow: R/M/K Fritz.

### NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED

#### Winteridge N Greycoach Gaia's Raven Flight JH NAP NJP TKN

(SS17323505) 9/2/23 (B) 2/15/20. CH Winteridge Greycoach Bound N Determined x CH Winteridge N Greycoach Carpe Diem. Br: W Stauder/B Koch. Ow: J Alderson.

### BCAT

#### Blackthorn's Highland Traveler CD PCD BN GN RE BCAT CGC

(SR83153002) 10/22/23 (D) 5/10/14. CH Gilnockie 'N Carabrook Sentimental Journey x Blackthorn's Raisin' Havoc. Br: B Bradbury. Ow: K/C Hubbard.

#### GCH Dreamcatcher Thanks For Coming At Echoglen RA JH CA BCAT

(SS16446806) 9/2/23 (D) 11/28/19. CH Echoglen I Am I Said At Amberlove x GCH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM5 RAE4 JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br/Ow: S Hudson.

#### CH Dreamcatcher's Champagne And Sunshine JH CA BCAT

(SS24270701) 9/2/23 (B) 12/27/20. GCH Spinsetters Tankard Of Golden Ale By Amberlove CA BCAT DSX DJ x GCHS Greenough's Hotchkiss Song Bird CD RE NAJ NF CAA BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br/Ow: S Hudson.

#### GCH Dreamcatcher's Thank God I'M A Country Boy CA BCAT DN

(SS16446811) 9/2/23 (D) 11/28/19. CH Echoglen I Am I Said At Amberlove x GCH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM5 RAE4 JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br: S Hudson. Ow: L Carradine/S Hudson.

#### Gilnockie Bring It On To Woodsmoke BCAT SWA SIE SBE

(SS27667804) 9/30/23 (B) 7/4/21. CH Gilnockie's Bees Do It! x CH Killbride Karrelene's Uncorked. Br: A Nevils/S Armstrong. Ow: C Fitzgerald.

#### Gordon Hill Valiant Prince CD BN RN BCAT RATN CGC TKN

(SS18515905) 10/21/23 (D) 4/26/20. GCH Munroc The Black Watch MH x CH Blackburn Gordon Hill Manika CGC TKN. Br: J deCasteja/S DeSilver. Ow: B/D Dargay.

### DCAT

#### Dreamcatcher Hotchkiss Lone Star RM RAE JH CAA DCAT DS DN

TKN (SS05090201) 9/3/23 (D) 4/9/18. GCH Sastya Raggededge Peer Review CD RN JH x GCHS Greenough's Hotchkiss Song Bird CD RE NAJ NF CAA BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br/Ow: S Hudson.

#### Sastya N' Krystal Big Skye Dreamer JH DCAT RATN TKI

(SS28537504) 10/7/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: M/T Chebul.

### COURSING ABILITY

#### GCH Dreamcatcher Thanks For Coming At Echoglen RA JH CA

BCAT (SS16446806) 9/2/23 (D) 11/28/19. CH Echoglen I Am I Said At Amberlove x GCH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM5 RAE4 JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br/Ow: S Hudson.

#### CH Dreamcatcher's Champagne And Sunshine JH CA BCAT

(SS24270701) 9/2/23 (B) 12/27/20. GCH Spinsetters Tankard Of Golden Ale By Amberlove CA BCAT DSX DJ x GCHS Greenough's Hotchkiss Song Bird CD RE NAJ NF CAA BCAT RATN CGC TKN. Br/Ow: S Hudson.

### SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

#### Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT SCN SIN SBN TKN

(SS28537502) 10/28/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S Wey.

### SCENT WORK CONTAINER EXCELLENT

#### Gilnockie Bring It On To Woodsmoke BCAT SWA SCE SIE SBE

(SS27667804) 10/13/23 (B) 7/4/21. CH Gilnockie's Bees Do It! x CH Killbride Karrelene's Uncorked. Br: A Nevils/S Armstrong. Ow: C Fitzgerald.

#### GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWA SCE SIE SBE SHDE

(SR84737818) 10/7/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

### SCENT WORK CONTAINER MASTER ELITE

#### Moonsetter Quixote's Quip SWM SCME SEME SHDE TKI

(SR93166201) 10/22/23 (D) 4/27/16. Moonsetter Sureshot Hellyes x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: M Legg/O Moon.

#### Moonsetter Xclusively Designed For Riversong VST SWE SCME

SIM SBM TKN (SS14559501) 9/16/23 (B) 9/28/19. CH Riversong's Hydro Shock JH x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: S Davis/O Moon.

### SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE

#### Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT SCN SIN SBN TKN

(SS28537502) 10/28/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S Wey.

### SCENT WORK INTERIOR EXCELLENT

#### Gilnockie Bring It On To Woodsmoke SWA SIE SBE

(SS27667804) 9/23/23 (B) 7/4/21. CH Gilnockie's Bees Do It! x CH Killbride Karrelene's Uncorked. Br: A Nevils/S Armstrong. Ow: C Fitzgerald.

### SCENT WORK INTERIOR MASTER

#### Shiloh's Top Of The Podium SWM (SR72872007) 9/24/23 (B)

5/8/12. GCH Triseter Ebonie Zeus x CH MACH2 PACH Kopperklad Shiloh's By Night Sky CDX BN RAE JH MXG MJC MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF MFP T2B2 T2BP SCN SIN SEN RATO. Br: G Deller. Ow: P/T Gregg.

### SCENT WORK EXTERIOR ADVANCED

#### GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWA SCE SIE SBE SHDE

(SR84737818) 10/7/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

### SCENT WORK EXTERIOR MASTER

#### Moonsetter Xclusively Designed For Riversong VST SWM SCME

TKN (SS14559501) 9/17/23 (B) 9/28/19. CH Riversong's Hydro Shock JH x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: S Davis/O Moon.

### SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE

#### Sastya N' Krystal Oops A Daisy FCAT SCN SIN SBN TKN

(SS28537502) 10/28/23 (B) 6/10/21. GCHB Firethorn And Sandpiper Easy On The Eyes x CH Sastya's Hallmark's Dreamer CD JH. Br: M Leonard/M Grill. Ow: S D Wey.

### SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE ELITE

#### Sherwin's Kara CD BN RI FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN

CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA (SR93417201) 9/17/23 (B) 10/20/15. Sherwin's Fellini x Sherwin's Camee. Br: M Schneider. Ow: D Cournoyer.

### SCENT WORK BURIED EXCELLENT

#### Gilnockie Bring It On To Woodsmoke SWA SIE SBE

(SS27667804) 9/23/23 (B) 7/4/21. CH Gilnockie's Bees Do It! x CH Killbride Karrelene's Uncorked. Br: A Nevils/S Armstrong. Ow: C Fitzgerald.

### SCENT WORK NOVICE ELITE

#### Sherwin's Kara CD BN RI FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN

CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA (SR93417201) 9/17/23 (B) 10/20/15. Sherwin's Fellini x Sherwin's Camee. Br: M Schneider. Ow: D Cournoyer.

### SCENT WORK ADVANCED

**GCHB Saranac Sticky Toffee Pudding SWA SCE SIE SBE SHDE** (SR84737818) 10/7/23 (D) 9/12/14. CH Sastya's Kilernan Sorrisi x CH Saranac Tootsie Roll CD CGC. Br: W/E Fisher. Ow: M Hoffman/S Bosen.

### SCENT WORK MASTER

**Moonsetter Xclusively Designed For Riversong VST SWM SCME TKN** (SS14559501) 9/17/23 (B) 9/28/19. CH Riversong's Hydro Shock JH x GCH Moonsetter Oh Em Gee TKN. Br: H/C/O Moon. Ow: S Davis/O Moon.

**Shiloh's Top Of The Podium SWM** (SR72872007) 9/24/23 (B) 5/8/12. GCH Triseter Ebonie Zeus x CH MACH2 PACH Kopperklad Shiloh's By Night Sky CDX BN RAE JH MXG MJC MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF MFP T2B2 T2BP SCN SIN SEN RATO. Br: G Deller. Ow: P/T Gregg.

### CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

**Andelle Born To Run CGC TKA** (SS42104508) 10/1/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: P/M Eberts/A Perez.

**Blackthorn's Highland Traveler CD PCD BN GN RE CGC** (SR83153002) 10/1/23 (D) 5/10/14. CH Gilnockie 'N Carabrook Sentimental Journey x Blackthorn's Raisin' Havoc. Br: B Bradbury. Ow: K/C Hubbard.

**Blazen Blue Marlin CGC** (SS29516401) 9/23/23 (D) 9/8/21. GCH Blazen Bullets In The Gun x Blazens Copper Courageous. Br: H West. Ow: Y Shekhovtsova.

**Hayes' Stargazer CGC** (SS38363709) 10/17/23 (B) 12/13/22. Tamiks Grouse Pandemic x Vine Valley's Vida. Br: A Jarnot. Ow: C Hayes.

**Lyric's Frozen En Pointe JH CGC TKN** (SS24773603) 10/1/23 (B) 2/4/21. Harbinger's Errol Flynn x Lyric's Quantum Of Solace At Cappy Hollow. Br/Ow: L Carlson/E De Souza.

**CH Sandpiper's Castles In The Wind CGC** (SR74912403) 10/1/23 (D) 9/29/12. CH Sandpiper's Castles By The Sound x CH Sandpiper's Sound Waves. Br: J Beattie/D Grant/P Reilly. Ow: J Wolstenholme.

**Shiloh's When The Stars Align CGC TKN** (SS37825105) 10/16/23 (B) 10/11/22. CH Hollyhunt Sealed In The Stars x CH Shiloh's Bold New Spirit JH OA AXJ XF SCN SIN RATO TKI. Br: G Deller. Ow: L Watkins.

### ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

**Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGCA** (SS38002206) 10/1/23 (B) 10/21/22. GCHG Pointsetter Tri-Sett After Midnight x CH Pointsetter Tri-Sett Ringside Rumor. Br: A Johnson-Edwards/K Gatchell/C Edwards. Ow: S Adams-Conley.

### TRICK DOG NOVICE

**Andelle Born To Run TKN** (SS42104508) 9/4/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: P/M Eberts/A Perez.

**Andelle Summer Nights At Argyll Moor TKN** (SS42104505) 9/7/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: C Carnahan/A Perez.

**CH Hotchkiss Spinsetter Mums Sweetater JH TKN** (SS28449502) 9/14/23 (D) 7/15/21. GCH Spinsetters Tankard Of Golden Ale By Amberlove CA BCAT DSX DJ x GCH Hotchkiss River Cassley At Mandalay. Br: L/T Ward/P/J Brusk. Ow: J/A Mullinix.

**Shiloh's Maid Of Stardust CGC TKN** (SS37825102) 7/10/23 (B) 10/11/22. CH Hollyhunt Sealed In The Stars x CH Shiloh's Bold New Spirit JH OA AXJ XF SCN SIN RATO TKI. Br: G Deller. Ow: P/T Gregg.

**Lyric's Frozen En Pointe JH CGC TKN** (SS24773603) 10/1/23 (B) 2/4/21. Harbinger's Errol Flynn x Lyric's Quantum Of Solace At Cappy Hollow. Br: L Carlson/E De Souza. Ow: L Carlson/E De Souza.

**Shiloh's When The Stars Align CGC TKN** (SS37825105) 10/16/23 (B) 10/11/22. CH Hollyhunt Sealed In The Stars x CH Shiloh's Bold New Spirit JH OA AXJ XF SCN SIN RATO TKI. Br: G Deller. Ow: L Watkins.

### TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

**Andelle Born To Run TKA** (SS42104508) 9/18/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: P/M Eberts/A Perez.

**Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA** (PAL275771) 10/1/23 (B) 4/16/18. Ow: M Daly.

### TRICK DOG ADVANCED

**Andelle Born To Run TKA** (SS42104508) 9/18/23 (D) 4/30/23. GCHS Pointsetter's Night Train Arrives @ Seasac MH BCAT x CH Bit O Gold Countdown To Moonlight Madness JH. Br: A Perez/C Edwards. Ow: P/M Eberts/A Perez.

### AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

**CH Lyric's Sword Dance For The Lion Rampant JH CGC ATT** (SS34604606) 9/10/23 (D) 5/29/22. GCHS Black Anvil Rampant Lion x Lyric's Be Sure. Br: L Carlson/K Davidson-Christman/A Miller. Ow: K Davidson-Christman.

### FIT DOG BRONZE

**Moonstone Tesla CGCA CGCU TKN ATT FITB** (SS30490901) 10/30/23 (B) 10/27/21. Gordonstar Ixs Mister x Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA FITB. Br/Ow: D Cournoyer.

**Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA FITB** (SR93417201) 10/30/23 (B) 10/20/15. Sherwin's Fellini x Sherwin's Camee. Br: M Schneider. Ow: D Cournoyer.

### THERAPY DOG NOVICE

**Wingset Farm Sky THDN CGCA** (PAL285162) 10/26/23 (B) 8/15/20. Ow: J/R Nichols.

—Donna Brnger (GA)

## AKC Performance Placements 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023; July 1~Sept. 30 ▶▶▶

### Field Placements—July - September, 2023

<b>Bannfshires Maggie Mayhem</b> (L Bradley, Jr)			
9/21/23 GSP Club of Nebraska	OP	2	8
<b>Blackjack Let It Ride</b> (S Wollschlager)			
9/23/23 Minnesota English Setter Club	OWP	4	4
<b>Chk Whitethorn's Gotmeunderpressure</b> (C Cardwell)			
8/4/23 Seattle-Tacoma GWP Club	OLGD	2	22
<b>Milomix Brave Chief</b> (C Findley)			
9/22/23 GWP Club of Wisconsin	AGD	3	10
<b>Mvr Macfarlane Dr. Feel Good</b> (L Barnett)			
9/15/23 Washington Brittany Club, Inc.	OD	4	18
<b>NWGDC FC Mvr Macfarlane Earl's Black Diamond</b> (S Wollschlager)			
8/4/23 Seattle-Tacoma GWP Club	OLGD	3	22
<b>Saltire's O'Hara Plantation JH</b> (R/C Hug)			
9/23/23 GSP Club of Greater Pittsburgh	AWP	1	6
<b>Tallgrass Rockstar</b> (T Loy, Jr)			
9/23/23 Idaho Brittany Club	OGD	2	15
<b>Tri-Sett Single Shot @ Pointsetter JH</b> (K Gatchell/C Edwards/ C Edwards/A Johnson-Edwards)			
9/30/23 Southern New England Brit Club	OWP	4	8
—Kerin Elduen (WA)			

## Agility Placements—July - September, 2023

### Bannfshire's Holy Diver RN NA NAJ NF DCAT CGC (S Flegle)

7/01/23 MO Rhineland KC	NOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	95
7/01/23 MO Rhineland KC	FSTNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	58
8/27/23 Triune Agility Club SW IL	OPENP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	95
8/27/23 Triune Agility Club SW IL	JWWOPENP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

### CH Bit O' Gold Innocent Or Gilty CD BN RE JH AX AXJ MXP MJP2

#### XF MFP BCAT CGC TKI (L McRae/P Nowak)

9/02/23 Berks County DTC	EXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
9/02/23 Berks County DTC	JWWEXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

### CH Bit O' Gold Rob Roy RI JH CGC TKN (L McRae/P Nowak)

7/15/23 AK Malamute Club Am.	NOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
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### GCHB CH Corisande As You Like It JH NAJ NF (R/K/M Fritz)

9/25/23 Amer Bouvier Club	FSTOPEN 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	60
9/29/23 GSCA, Inc.	JWWNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	89

### Eastshore Shuna RN (E Smith)

9/17/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	JWWNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
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### Gordon Hill Valiant Prince CD BN RN RATN CGC TKN (B/D Dargay)

9/28/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	58
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### PACH Kirby MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX MFPB TQXP T2BP2 (P Eberts)

7/01/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTEXBP 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	71
7/02/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTEXBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	73
7/02/23 GSCA, Inc.	JWWEXCBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/13/23 Flat-Coat Rtrvr Soc. Am	JWWEXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/14/23 Cleveland Shetland Club	FSTEXBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	75
7/14/23 Cleveland Shetland Club	JWWEXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	PRMRP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	FSTEXBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	72
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	JWWEXCBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	T2BP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
7/23/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	EXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/23/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	FSTEXBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	76
7/23/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	JWWEXCBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/23/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	T2BP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

### Mcq Full Throttle RI AX AXJ OAP NJP OF NFP (M/R Quaco)

9/29/23 GSCA, Inc.	EXCB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
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### Martini 'N Jesse's Girl Don'T Stop Believin' MXP MJP2 MJPB

#### XF T2BP CAA DCAT DN FITG (C Gelis/P Spangler/M Martini)

7/01/23 GSCA, Inc.	EXCBP 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
7/01/23 GSCA, Inc.	JWWEXCBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/02/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTEXBP 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	70
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	EXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/21/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	JWWEXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/23/23 Am Eskimo Club of Am	WWEXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
7/28/23 Medina Kennel Club	EXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/30/23 Medina Kennel Club	EXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/30/23 Medina Kennel Club	JWWEXCBP 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/30/23 Medina Kennel Club	T2BP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
8/05/23 Nat'l Beagle Club	JWWNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
8/06/23 Nat'l Beagle Club	NOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
8/09/23 Ashtabula Kennel Club	EXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
8/09/23 Ashtabula Kennel Club	JWWEXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
8/10/23 Ashtabula Kennel Club	JWWEXCBP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
8/25/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	JWWEXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
8/27/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	JWWEXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/10/23 Cleveland Shetland Club	JWWEXCBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/16/23 Ashtabula Kennel Club	JWWNOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/23/23 Irish Setter Club OH	NOVB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/28/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTEXBP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	69
9/29/23 GSCA, Inc.	PRMRP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/29/23 GSCA, Inc.	T2BP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

### CH Shiloh's Bold New Spirit JH OA AXJ XF SCN SIN RATO TKI (G Deller)

9/07/23 NO VA Brittany Club	FSTEXB 24"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	65
9/28/23 GSCA, Inc.	FSTEXB 24"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	60
9/28/23 GSCA, Inc.	JWWEXCB 24"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

### MACH3 Skara Braes Race Against Time MXS2 MJB2 MXF

(J Ashley)			
7/14/23 Cleveland Shetland	JWWEXCB 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
7/15/23 Cleveland All-Breed TC	EXCB 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

7/21/23 Columbus All Breed TC	EXCB 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
7/21/23 Columbus All Breed TC	JWWEXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/22/23 Columbus All Breed TC	EXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
7/22/23 Columbus All Breed TC	JWWEXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/23/23 Columbus All Breed TC	EXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
7/28/23 Dayton Dog TC	JWWEXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
7/29/23 Dayton Dog TC	EXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
8/11/23 Queen City Dog TC	EXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
8/11/23 Clevind All-Breed TC	EXCB 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
8/11/23 Clevind All-Breed TC	JWWEXCB 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
8/20/23 Licking River KC	EXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
9/03/23 Hambrg All-Breed	EXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
9/04/23 Hambrg All-Breed	EXCB 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	100
9/08/23 Hambrg All-Breed	EXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
9/08/23 Cleveland Shetland	FSTEXB 20"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	63
9/09/23 Cleveland Shetland	EXCB 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/15/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	JWWEXCB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	100
9/16/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	EXCB 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/17/23 NE OH ECS Fanciers	EXCB 20"	4 <sup>th</sup>	100
9/24/23 Irish Setter Club OH	FSTEXB 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	75

### Valley View Christmas Miracle CGC TKN (E Gardiner)

7/03/23 Souhegan Kennel Club	JWWNOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	90
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### Winteridge N Greycoach Gaia's Raven Flight JH NAP NJP TKN (J Alderson)

8/12/23 OTC of Chugiak	NOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	90
8/12/23 OTC of Chugiak	JWWNOVP 20"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	95
9/02/23 Kenai Kennel Club	JWWNOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	95
9/03/23 Kenai Kennel Club	NOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/03/23 Kenai Kennel Club	JWWNOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
9/04/23 Kenai Kennel Club	NOVP 20"	1 <sup>st</sup>	100

—Vickey Jones (NM)

## Rally Placements—July - September, 2023

### Bannfshire's Holy Diver RN NA NAJ NF DCAT CGC (S Flegle)

7/02/23 Missouri Rhineland KC	RNOVB	1 <sup>st</sup>	98
8/12/23 Jefferson Cnty KC of MO	RNOVB	1 <sup>st</sup>	99
8/12/23 Jefferson Cnty KC of MO	RNOVB	1 <sup>st</sup>	97
8/13/23 Jefferson Cnty KC of MO	RNOVB	2 <sup>nd</sup>	95

### Bonnie Prince Charlie III BN RI CGC TKN (J Gould)

7/09/23 Lower Bucks DTC Club	RADVA	1 <sup>st</sup>	90
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### Clearcut Quality Brew BN RN JH CGCA TKN VHMP (T/L Hanson)

7/22/23 Sioux Empire KC	RNOVB	1 <sup>st</sup>	100
7/22/23 Sioux Empire KC	RINT	1 <sup>st</sup>	97

### Dreamcatcher Thank You For Feathers At Echoglen BN RI JH (J/A Brown)

7/29/23 Central Wyoming KC	RINT	2 <sup>nd</sup>	83
7/29/23 Central Wyoming KC	RADVB	4 <sup>th</sup>	92

### CH Bravo's Clandestine Operation BN RI CGCA TKN

(K Hubbard/L Kullman)			
8/04/23 Stone City Kennel Club	RINT	1 <sup>st</sup>	96

### GCH CH Greenough Amberlove Scottish Kilt CD RM5 RAE4

#### JH AX AXJ OF BCAT RATN CGC TKN (S Hudson)

8/31/23 Lexington Kennel Club	RCHO	4 <sup>th</sup>	80
9/01/23 Northern Kentucky KC	RMAST	4 <sup>th</sup>	98
9/02/23 Lexington Kennel Club	RCHO	3 <sup>rd</sup>	92
9/03/23 Northern KY Kennel Club	RCHO	3 <sup>rd</sup>	77
9/03/23 Northern KY Kennel Club	RMAST	2 <sup>nd</sup>	96
9/04/23 Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club	RCHO	1 <sup>st</sup>	97
9/04/23 Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club	RMAST	2 <sup>nd</sup>	89

### Pointsetter Tri-Sett Talisker's Tiara At Wpf CGCA (S Adams-Conley)

9/17/23 Cape Cod Kennel Club	RNOVA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	87
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### Sherwin's Kara CD BN RA FDC ACT1 SWNE SCA SIA SEA

#### SHDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA (D Cournoyer)

9/23/23 St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club	RADVB	2 <sup>nd</sup>	97
9/23/23 St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club	RADVB	3 <sup>rd</sup>	79
9/24/23 St. Lawrence Valley Dog Club	RADVB	3 <sup>rd</sup>	94

—Vickey Jones (NM)

## Obedience Placements—July - September, 2023

### Bannfshire's Holy Diver RN NA NAJ NF DCAT CGC (S Flegle)

8/12/23 Jefferson Cnty KC MO	BNOVB	1 <sup>st</sup>	191.0
8/13/23 Jefferson Cnty KC MO	BNOVB	3 <sup>rd</sup>	188.0

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**Bonnie Prince Charlie III BN RI CGC TKN** (J Gould)  
8/08/23 Lower Bucks DTC NOVA 3<sup>rd</sup> 181.0  
**Dreamcatcher Thank You For Feathers At Echoglen BN RI JH**  
(J/A Brown)  
7/30/23 Central Wyoming KC BNOVA 2<sup>nd</sup> 183.0  
**Glenwood's Twirly Girl Fiona CGCA CGCU TKI ATT VHMA** (M Daly)  
9/22/23 Lo Camden Cnty DTC NOVA 1<sup>st</sup> 187.5  
**Milestone Farm's Nostalgia UDX OM3 BN GN GO**  
(D/G Bartlett/S Armstrong/V Kick)  
7/23/23 Shetland Club Detroit UTILB 1<sup>st</sup> 195.5  
8/12/23 OTC Greater Lansing OPENB 4<sup>th</sup> 195.5  
8/12/23 OTC Greater Lansing UTILB 3<sup>rd</sup> 195.0  
—Vickie Jones (NM)

## Hunt Test Qualifiers—July - September, 2023

**Clearcut Quality Brew BN RN JH CGCA TKN VHMP** (T/L Hanson)  
8/20/23 South Dakota Hunting Dog Club SH  
**Gordon Glen's Elspeth JH** (J Sindel/J Webb)  
9/30/23 Central Ohio Pointing Breeds Club JH  
**CH Meado'Ridge Spellbound's Dragan JH** (D/A Gordon)  
7/15/23 Irish Setter Club of Seattle JH  
7/16/23 Irish Setter Club of Seattle JH  
**Moonsetter Xclusively Designed For Riversong VST SWM SCME**  
**TKN** (S Davis/O Moon)  
8/20/23 Arctic Bird Dog Association JH  
**Springset Kirriemuir Spirit JH** (B Reed)  
7/15/23 Irish Setter Club of Seattle JH  
7/29/23 Western Washington Weimaraner JH  
**Sylvanus Dorchas Ros Faodail JH** (M & C Neidenthal)  
9/30/23 Central Ohio Pointing Breeds Club JH  
**Tallgrass Plymouth Navy Strength JH** (K Brier)  
9/30/23 Nebraska Vizsla Club JH  
**Teutoburger Wald Tuxedo Man. "Tuxy"** (P Norton)  
8/20/23 Arctic Bird Dog Association JH  
**Whitethorns Tallgrass Jo JHA** (B Sher)  
7/15/23 Irish Setter Club of Seattle JH  
**Winteridge N Greycoach Gaia's Raven Flight JH NAP NJP TKN**  
(J Alderson)  
8/19/23 Arctic Bird Dog Association JH  
8/20/23 Arctic Bird Dog Association JH  
—Rhonda Cornum (KY)

## Blue Ridge Beef Recall

**Blue Ridge Beef** has issued a voluntary recall (December 21 & expanded list of contaminated products on December 22) of its Blue Ridge Beef Puppy Mix, due to Salmonella and Listeria Monocytogenes contamination. The food affected is **Puppy Mix - 2lbs UPC - 8 54298 00169 6**. All lot numbers/use by dates between N24 1114 to N24 1224. The products were distributed between 11/14/2023– 12/20/2023. These products were packaged in clear plastic and sold primarily in retail stores located in the states of: CT, MA, MD, NC, NY, PA & VA. ❖

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Avery (MI) & Beni Levi (MI).

—Gail Paludi, Membership Chair



## Squirrel Dog

Ginny and I have been raising Gordon Setters since 1980. Many of our Gordons have gotten their Junior Hunter title and were fine bird dogs. In 2022 we gave our daughter, Emery, a puppy that she named *Darby* (rhymes with Barbie). Recently, while babysitting for her and her brother, I heard a strange ringing. I looked to see Darby ringing a bell near the glass sliding door. **She was on full point and was ringing the bell with her nose.** On the other side of the door was a fat grey squirrel! I asked, "What is going on?" Emery replied, "That's a game Darby and the squirrel play every day." So now I can add "Squirrel Dog" to my list of Gordon Setter bird dogs.

—Bill Hardie (MA)

"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." ~ Karen Kaiser Clark

**Wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year!**  
**One that is filled with many Gordon tales!**

Remember, if you 'got a Gordon,' you've gotta have a tale! Please remember to share them in the newsletter!

—Sue Drum, Editor  
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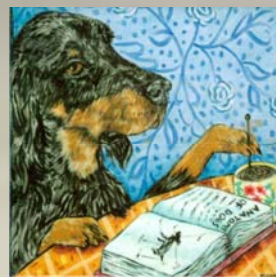
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“The priceless lesson in the New Year is that endings birth beginnings and beginnings birth endings. And in this elegantly choreographed dance of life, neither ever find an end in the other.”

~ Craig D. Lounsborough



**“Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbon.”**

~ Ann Ruth Schabacker

**Carol & Ed Ervin (MI)**